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THE CAT'S MEOW. The university mascot, the Catamount, exemplifies the pride that each student feels.

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GONE TO THE DOGS. A canine supporter of the purple and gold enjoys a walk on the beautiful grounds of the campus.

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FOR THE JOY OF IT. A member of the dance corp performs brilliantly during a half-time show.



JOYRIDE. The "Cat" gives saving energy a try as he tools around on this economical motor scooter.



The 1991-92 school year brought with it many changes, on the homefront and abroad, that were strenuous and difficult and only time and patience could be the possible remedies.

Between the boundaries of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, signs of election-year fever emerged in full force as Americans were subjected to debates, rallies, bumper stickers and a lot of hoopla surrounding negative advertising. The incumbent, President George Bush, who (at the end of the Gulf war) relished in an 80 percent popularity vote, was faced with the sobering results of the all-too-important New Hampshire victory of only 56 percent to challenger Pat Buchanan's 40 percent. Across the wide open sea, the world watched and waited as the Soviet Union crumbled before its very eyes. In the end, there no longer existed a Soviet Union with Mikhail Gorbachev as its leader. Instead, there was now the Commonwealth of Independent Nations, headed by Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

The recession continued, despite forecasts early last year that it would end by summer, and recent, as well as the soon-to-be college graduates, did not have a healthy and prosperous job market to look forward to. The lagging existence of the economy hit home, and hit hard, as students were informed that they would now be paying extra for labs and could expect much larger, if not cancelled, classes and less library materials and resources.

Citizens and students alike muddled through normal, everyday operations. But, they were deciding that a change was needed. Maybe a new President? A more organized and generous North Carolina General Assembly? A totally new world-order. Anything was better than the present and what was there to lose? So they, as you are about to do as you turn this page, decided "What the heck?". Go ahead, it's . . .

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TO THE VICTORS BELONG THE SPOILS. Football player Andra Rosbor thanks the heavens above for a last-minute field goal victory over UT-Chattanooga.

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PEACE TO YOU, MY SISTER. Alpha Chi Omega sisters Rachel Marcus and Pam Landon give peace a chance.



FACES IN THE CROWD. Several TKE brothers and their dates enjoy the fellowship of friends while they cheer on the home team.

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Chad Bledsoe

GRILLING OUT. This student takes advantage of a nice evening to enjoy a change of pace from the dining hall.

AN APPLE A DAY. Candy apple serves as a great appetizer for this young boy.



Alice Hoe

A SHOULDER TO LEAN ON. This student and his lizard friend pal around together on a warm afternoon.



BLOW BY BLOW ACCOUNT. Marching Band member Karl Wingruber goes down for the count during a half-time performance.

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STUFF THE BALLOT BOX. Students register and vote for their favorite candidate during Homecoming week.



Alice Hoe

ALL IN THE FAMILY. Alpha Chi Omega sisters Peggy Belshea, Cole Wildman, Mary Beauchamp, Kristen Pehlke and Susan Hatfield take time out to have a group hug.

LOVIN' EVERY MINUTE OF IT! The Pi Kappa Alpha brothers and their little sisters show their enthusiasm for the Cats.



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MAKING NEW FRIENDS. Traci Willingham introduces a small friend to the Lady Cat.



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TASTES GREAT — LESS FILLING! A Lambda Chi brother and his friend ham it up during a tailgating party.

ROLLING ON THE RIVER. The Lambda Chi Alpha raft race always provides relief from the stress of back-to-school. These loyal rafters seem as if they are thoroughly enjoying themselves.



Chad Bledsoe



FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Students enjoy dining on the university center lawn many times during the year.



STATE OF THE CAMPUS. Speaking on behalf of the student body, SGA President John Connet addresses the alumni.



HAIL TO THE QUEEN. Tonya Alston gives her escort an excited glance as her name is announced for queen.



From the first days of fall semester to the final days approaching graduation, there was always something to do in Cullowhee. Whether it was the organized activities of LMP and the university, or the spontaneous adventures of mischief which prevailed both on and off campus, students typically found something to get into, even if it was homemade fun.

Mountain Heritage Day brought thousands of local residents and visitors alike to campus. And, of course, having Mom and Dad tag along for the whole Parent's Weekend was both pleasure and pain. Some would have paid a million to have avoided the experience.

Homecoming brought friends back to campus and provided a week of fun and activities for the student body. With C & C Music Factory heading the playbill for the week, the activities were topped off with the parade, football game and victory dance.

Not only did life on campus touch the students, but there were plenty of opportunities for the community to see what Western had to offer them. The holiday season brought many people out to experience the Madrigal Dinner and Christmas craft show. Catamount Week brought the campus and community together for fun and entertainment in downtown Sylva. From the Rodeo to theater productions, Western Carolina offered a great deal to people of all interests.

And who could forget the antics that the warm days of spring semester brought. Spring Fling, the days on Scott Beach and, of course, spring break relieved students from papers and tests and rewarded them with friends, sun and fun.

Yes, there was plenty to do at Western, even if it was combating boredom. But, looking back to it, wasn't it . . .

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TAKEN BY SURPRISE. 1990 Homecoming Queen Stephanie Hilton crowns her successor 1991 Queen Tonya Alston during half-time activities.

CHEERING FOR VICTORY. Amy Roll, Jason Conrad, Lisa Wilson, Robert Mowery and Shannon Pender encourage the Cats.

JUST FOR KICKS! Freshman Phil Shirley kicks the ball over the field goal to give Western an extra point in the fight against Samford.



Poised to Pounce

Variety of Activities Excite Students and Encourage Spirit

After a week of seemingly constant activity, Homecoming Saturday appeared almost calm. With a concert by C & C Music Factory and Rythm Syndicate beginning the week, the remainder of the week's agenda was rounded out with a comedy show, dances, movies, dinner on the lawn and a golf tournament. Saturday's activities offered the final touches to a full week.

The recognition of the Class of '41 kicked off the day's agenda, followed by the annual homecoming parade. Led by Western's oldest alumna, Lucy Latta, Catamount spirit was beaming during the parade. After the parade, a plaque commemorating the major contributors to the Alumni Tower building project was unveiled.

The Chancellor's luncheon

spotlighted Western's Distinguished Alumnus Award and Distinguished Service Award recipients. Arnold Isaacs, Jr. received the Distinguished Alumnus Award while Sue Ellen Bridgers was recognized as the Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Despite the year's Homecoming theme ("Catamount Football: Poised to Pounce in '91"), the Cats

were not victorious. Taking the homecoming losing streak to its fifth year with a loss to Samford, the highlight of the game was the half-time activities and the crowning of the 1991 Queen Miss Tonya Alston. The week's busy schedule was capped off with a dance at the University Center.



EAT YOUR HEART OUT. Students enjoy the weather and the cuisine provided by the dining hall staff.

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WELCOME HOME. University students carry the banner that officially opens the parade and welcomes the alumni.

THE LAST LAUGH. Comedian "Carrot Top" keeps the crowd rolling in the aisles during his performance at P.G. KATZ.



TWO OF A KIND. Sigma Kappa and Western alumni Sara DeBardinis and Danielle Krut renew their old friendship.

DANCING CIRCLES AROUND THE REST. The Alpha Xi Delta pledges perform a dance routine at the pep rally.

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IN THE LINE OF DUTY. The members of the Marching Band stand in perfect formation on the field during the half-time gig.

RAINING CATS AND DOGS. This float, which won the Chancellor's award for best float design, is crafted by Kappa Alpha and Alpha Chi Omega.



ON TOP OF THINGS. Varsity Cheerleaders Holly Haynes and Dyan Zumstein go to the top for the Catamounts.

SONG AND DANCE. A band brought to campus by Last Minute Productions struts their stuff to the crowd during Dinner on the Lawn.

ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTING. Offensive Line Coach Jeff Fela lets the team know exactly what he thinks about the way they are playing. The Cats lost the game to the Samford Bulldogs.





FROM THE WORD GO. A Junior Varsity Cheerleader riles up the crowd and gets things moving with her enthusiasm. She shows the players exactly what she expects, all — signed, sealed and delivered.

ALONG FOR THE RIDE. Senior Traci Wennerberg, sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha, participates with the rest of the homecoming court by riding in the parade.



WHAT GIVES? Chancellor Coulter presents yet another award given annually during Homecoming festivities.



DINING OUT. Tailgating just wouldn't be the same without that Catamount football on a Saturday afternoon.

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Bright Skies Big Crowds

Mountain Heritage Day Attracts 35,000 To Campus

The weather was perfect for this year's Mountain Heritage Day. There was plenty to do for everyone. According to John Fry, a student, "It was a beautiful day having so many people come to WCU and seeing what a fine show we can put on."

This year the Mountain Heritage award went to Hugh Norton for his work in fighting the effects of acid rain on the pine trees in the North Carolina mountains. The award is given for preserving and interpreting the culture of

Western North Carolina.

The day's events ranged from concerts by local bands, performing local styles of music, to the popular and exciting chain-saw races. There was also the car show which consisted of all kinds of classics ranging from Ford Model T's to Corvette Stingrays.

In addition to the activities, there were over 200 booths, which offered all kinds of crafts. Handmade furniture and items made of straw sold the best. In addition to crafts a number of

booths sold authentic food from all areas.

For the children there was a playground and other forms of entertainment, including a puppet show and a potato sack race.

The activities went on from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Then, the Ramsey Center opened up with "Mountain Magic" which consisted of more concerts and a pre-game dinner. The day ended with Western playing a football game against Furman University.



ALL THE WAY FROM SCOTLAND. These men demonstrate mountain heritage by playing the bagpipes.

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE IN ART. This hand carved statue by David Boone is just one example of the art on display and for sale.



All photos this page by Shawn Temme



STRAIGHT FROM THE BACK WOODS. This man stops for a picture as he passes through Western's campus on his way out of the mountains.

THIS REALLY IS ONLY MY FIRST PLATE. There are many different mountain dishes to sample on Mountain Heritage Day.



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YUM, YUM. Mountain Heritage Day provides many with an excuse to enjoy usually forbidden foods.



Shawn Temme



Chad Bledsoe

PITCH IT! Careful aim and the right look get a ringer at the horseshoe pit

SNACK TIME! Freshman honor society students try to sell treats to the visitors with a sweet tooth.



Chad Bledsoe





COWABUNGA! A magic marker transforms a regular cheek into a Ninja Turtle.

HIT THE SACK. Tony Kee lets the competition know that he is one tough contender when it comes to the sack race.



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BEAT THE BAND. This group keeps the audience entertained with some old-timey tunes.

THE CAT THAT SWALLOWED THE CANARY. Looking suspicious, the "Cat" clowns around with the photographer.





SEALED WITH A KISS. Senior Ralph Jimenez expresses his gratitude to his mother and baby sister.

MAMA'S BOY. Eric Lautzenheiser, #66, embraces his mother in front of hundreds on Parent's Day.



FAMILY TIES. Senior Chad Ross gives his parents his thanks for their support during the past four years.

Parent's Day

Clean Rooms and Good Behavior on Display for the Weekend

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Students are not prone to sending letters home to Mom and Dad. When they do, they usually are to request money, not to explain what school is like or how classes are going. Therefore, in order to involve the parents in their children's activities, PARENT'S DAY was invented.

Having come from all directions, parents converged on Western Carolina's campus the weekend of October 19 to spend time with their sons and daughters. Adding a boost to the local motel and hotel business, the weekend gave parents time to see how Western is treating

their children, and how they, in turn are treating Western.

Many clubs and organizations hosted open houses for parents. Several fraternities and sororities hosted luncheons and dinners in honor of their parents. "This is a good time for my parents to see what I do," said Kevin Helms, a fraternity member. "It also gives them a chance to meet my friends."

Parents got another taste of student life by attending a Catamount football game. Those students who also play on the football team were able to show their parents what they were really made of by playing

a winning game.

After all the eating out (anywhere except Dodson or Brown), and guided tours and general duties of a host or hostess were over, the students sent their parents back home. Many had their pockets lined with crisp dollar bills for spending money, before Mom and Dad drove off. Still others had to once again endure the "get good grades" speech. Overall, this year's PARENT'S DAY was a huge success, and everyone enjoyed spending time with their families.

It Takes Two

Catamount Week Unites Sylva and WCU

The second annual Catamount Week took place the week preceding Purple Saturday, when Western played cross mountain rivals, Appalachian State.

Catamount Week began last year to promote the union between Sylva and the university. This year, the theme was "It Takes Two." Following this theme, hundreds of two dollar bills were put into circulation throughout the university. "The idea is to encourage students to take the two dollar bills to Sylva and spend them, to support Sylva and Jackson County, and for Sylva and Jackson County to support the university," stated Chuck Baldwin, assistant to the Chan-

cellor for university advancement. Merchants in Sylva offered deals for students, urging them to spend the two dollar bills. The stores involved decorated their stores with Western colors, purple and gold.

The downtown celebration took place on a Friday afternoon. The festivities included many contests and drawings. The Phi Mu sorority won five-hundred dollars for being the loudest group during the street party. WCU students Anna Connor, Beth Mauney and Catherine Huggins won cash prizes in drawings. Fantasy Travel, located on Main Street, won first place in the window decorating contest.

The entertainment consisted of a number of performances including the Marching Band, the Women's Basketball Team's Rap and Dance Show and the Smokey Mountain High show choir.

Chancellor Coulter presented Sylva's Mayor, John Bunn, with a key to the university and an official WCU purple blazer.

At 11:30 p.m. on Purple Saturday, people attended the "World's Biggest Purple Party" in the Ramsey Center.

Chancellor Coulter remarked, "What we're doing here is welding this town, Sylva, into a college . . . town!"



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A LITTLE LOUDER BOYS! These guys show their support of Catamount Week by participating in the street party.

LET ME SEE! This WCU student tries her hardest not to miss the excitement.





AND THE WINNER IS . . . The WCU Cat helps with the drawing for prizes given out by various Sylva merchants.

BLOWIN' HARD! This WCU band member gives it his all during Catamount Week.



A TRUE CATAMOUNT. Chancellor Coulter helps Mayor Bunn put on his official purple blazer.

BURSTING WITH PRIDE! A proud mother and her son display their mutual love and support during half-time on Parent's Day.



All photos by Patrick McColgan

UP IN THE AIR! Students release purple balloons above the press box in E. J. Whitmire Stadium in celebration of Purple Saturday.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING! Western fans cheer the team on — in vain! The Cats lose the Homecoming game for the fifth straight year.



Not Just Another Day

Unique Saturdays Storm Western

During the 1991 fall semester, Western Carolina set out with a mission — to show North Carolina and the WCU community what the University has to offer.

The campaign became known as Western Carolina Weekends and centered around four special weekends during the semester using the theme "Not your ordinary Sat. at home." Each weekend was planned to coincide with WCU home football games. Mountain Heritage Day, which was held on September 28, was the first and most popular of the four weekend events. Estimates have placed attendance of this event at 35,000 people. The event centered around mountain craftsmen, artists and traditions.

WCU vs. Furman U. Paladins. The second special weekend

was Parents Day, held on October 19. Parents, students and the whole University community came together for an exciting day consisting of food, fun, football and music. A delicious barbeque luncheon opened the festivities, which were then followed by the excitement of football as WCU took on the Moccasins of UT-Chattanooga. During the half-time of the game, six new members were inducted into the WCU Hall of Fame. All were proud as the names of Danny Tharpe, C.C. Poindexter, Clinton F. Dodson, Nora Lynn Finch, Anthony James, and Dr. Walter J. Durr were called. The end of the football game didn't bring an end to the fun though. At 8 PM, LMP presented talented singer Jane Powell and Company, a winner of

last year's Campus Entertainment Award for Jazz and Entertainer of the Year.

October 24 was the date of the third special weekend, WCU Homecoming. Everyone geared up for a great football game, the contest between the Catamounts and the Samford U. Bulldogs. Though the game was discouraging, everyone showed Catamount Spirit, especially at halftime when 1991 Homecoming Queen Tonya Alston was crowned. Everyone cheered for the new queen and her court which was composed of Terri Collins, Stacy Coyle, Bonnie Jones, Kristin Markham, Shari Soph, Traci Wennerberg, and Grace White.

Purple Saturday may have been one of the brighter WCU weekends, the emphasis having

been on showing Catamount pride and spirit by wearing purple attire. Purple Saturday activities centered on the Nov. 16 "Battle for the Mountain Jug" football challenge with ASU.

The fun began at 11:30 with Purple Saturday pre-game luncheon and party which was held in the Ramsey Regional Activity Center. The "Purple Party" featured games, music, contests and prizes, with a special award being given for the best purple outfit. Though ASU defeated Western 24-14, the Mountaineers had no doubts about Catamount loyalty, especially when faced with the almost entirely purple cheering spectators.



PLEASED TO MEET YOU! The Cat mingles amongst the crowd and takes time out to greet a young fan.

Things That Make You Go.

C & C/Rythm Syndicate Rock Ramsey

Cullowhee did more than go "hmmm" when C & C Music Factory stormed the Ramsey Center with their award-winning sound. Rapper Freedom Williams and vocalist Zelma Davis sent waves through the crowd of two thousand with hits like "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)" and "Things That Make Yo Go Hmmm."

Also performing was the group Rythm Syndicate whose hit song "P.A.S.S.I.O.N." brought the audience to its feet. Lead singer Evan Rogers took control of the

crowd with the quick moves and powerful lyrics that have gotten the group national attention, including an appearance on the Arsenio Hall show.

Last Minute Productions sponsored the concert which was the opening event of Homecoming Week activities.

The concert was not only enjoyed by Cullowhee residents. A number of people from surrounding areas including Asheville, Waynesville, and Franklin purchased tickets and attended the event.



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RAPPIN'! Rythm Syndicate rocked Cullowhee and the Ramsey Center with their beat.

NO SWEAT! C & C's singers did indeed make WCU sweat with their intense music.





EVERYBODY DANCE NOW! Vocalist, Zelma Davis entertains the group with her unusual voice.



HERE THEY ARE! WWCU, the campus radio station, announced the nationally famous bands before their performances.

One Enchanted Night

A 16th Century Tradition Continues

If you closed your eyes you would have thought that you were back in the 16th century. When you opened your eyes you would have surely tempted fate to see Queen Elizabeth herself. But, despite the sights and sounds, this was really 20th century Cullowhee.

For more than 20 years, Western has hosted the Madrigal Dinners, an unusual but festive, Christmas celebration. Taking

the participants back to the days of Elizabethan England, those in attendance were stuffed with foods of a royal proportion and entertained with music befitting a queen.

The festivities were held on the nights of December 6 and 7 in the Grandroom of the University Center. "It's a great way to get in the mood for Christmas," said Anne Tate. Having attended with her husband for the last two

years, Mrs. Tate said, "We have to come every year. If we don't, Christmas just isn't the same."

The musicians and players work for weeks in preparation for the annual event. When asked about her feelings towards preparing for the event, Jenny Alfred said, "It was exciting to have a part in it." She later commented, "It's all part of that Christmas spirit."



EXECUTING A TRIUMPHANT SOUND. The participants of the Madrigal Dinners were provided with live entertainment.

PLEASE PASS THE YAMS. Guests were treated to an authentic, as well as traditional, Christmas feast.





MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE. These cast members assist the main musicians with their abilities.

WHAT CAN I SAY? The pomp and pageantry of the event left everyone flabbergasted.



PIGGIN' OUT! These performers enjoy a hearty meal while entertaining.

All photos by Patrick McColgan

Fright Night

A Night of Horror Comes To Cullowhee

Ghouls and goblins of all kinds were out and about as Halloween arrived in Cullowhee. Many were seen on campus in costumes of all kinds. Cauldron's of supposed witch's brew, ready for consumption, were found at every party.

Students, as well as faculty and staff members, observed the occasion. For the conservative professor, a wild tic or maybe some bewitched fingernails were in order. For the less restricted, a

full costume was the only way to go. And while parties abounded on that mysterious night, the most attention was drawn to three haunted houses in the area. Attracting students and local residents from the surrounding area, fraternity sponsored haunted houses offered a frightening experience for all of those who looked for a good scare. Darrin Morrow, who worked in the Sigma Nu fraternity haunted

house, said "Attendance was great!" While most people went out to the houses on Halloween night, Morrow said that "total attendance was over three hundred." Proceeds from all of the haunted houses went to various philanthropies.

As the morning sun rose, all was calm and back to normal. No more witches, no more goblins, but maybe a headache or two from too much witch's brew.

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL! Why are these babies out past their bedtime in the presence of such company?



ALL DRESSED UP WITH PLACES TO GO. Leslee Dalton and Boyd Purdee are heading to the Pike house to celebrate the night for spirits (and **THE** spirits).





PARTYING WITH THE BUD MAN.
This playmate finds Leatherwood full of surprises including the infamous Bud Man.



GRUESOME! Joe Cleary is getting X-rated medical attention from Stephanie Morris after his near fatal accident.

HALLOWEEN PARTY, ANYONE? These Lambda Chi guys are ready to play host to the witches, devils and babes on Halloween evening.

HAIL HATLEY! Sisters Michelle and Mia Hatley are out to have a good time this Halloween night.

All photos by Mia Hatley







CHANGE OF PACE

Great Weather And The Need For Something Out Of The Ordinary Contribute To The Success Of The Annual Spring Celebration

Same game, different name. Great weather and a need for a boost of energy to carry students into final exams contributed to the success of the spring fling celebration held on campus near the end of each April. Sponsored by Last Minute Productions and held mostly on the UC lawn, the event drew record crowds of students more than happy for the chance to break the monotony of work, work and more work.

Beginning the week, hypnotist Tom DeLuca returned to campus for his third year of sold-out shows before an already dazed group. Freshman Robyn Blocher remarked, "He was fabulous. A very good entertainer. I loved his show."

The next afternoon, students scrambled to get out of class and down to the UC lawn for fifty-cent ice cream sundaes and other goodies available at the organizational fair. Following the fair, students were treated to a reprieve from the cafeteria with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beans and brownies plus the live entertainment of the reggae

band "One Drop Plus."

A change from the usual Friday night fraternity party ritual was available to those who needed it. Following the Z-91 sponsored "Beach Bash," the LMP staff threw an "alcohol free" Outdoor Pub party with dancing, a DJ, music, free pizza and drinks.

Saturday morning, students dedicated to fun and a clean environment struggled out of bed and on to the Tuckasegee river for a day of rafting/litter picking during the annual river clean-up. After the work was finished, participants were treated to a cook-out and prizes, as well as T-shirts, were given out.

The combination of sun, food, music and a chance from the ordinary was enough to satisfy and calm anxious students before heading into the last week of the semester. Junior Jill Fulkerson, of Boone, wrapped it up with the comment, "Spring Fling is always so much fun. I love the energy of the crowd — everyone is so excited but laid back and it gives me great quality time with my friends that is so hard to usually achieve at the end of the year."

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FREE AND EASY. Matt Garrett and a friend relax on the lawn while enjoying dinner and the sounds of "One Drop Plus." Besides just hanging out, students enjoy other activities including the organizational fair, hypnotist, ice cream and river rafting during Spring Fest.



IN VIEW OF THE WORLD. Christina Smellegar, a senior from Greensboro, tear's up the slopes in Vermont on her last Spring Break.

JUMP THE GUN. This student terrorizes Daytona Beach with his water-machine gun.



Breaking Away

Students Tired Of Tests And Papers Anticipate A Change From It All

Spring Break. Two words that bring not only great joy, but also anticipation and relief to over 6000 souls cramped with notes, tests and papers. Thoughts in the minds of students changed drastically from academics to pure fun! Memories of college days just wouldn't be the same without thinking back to that one week during each year that it was actually possible to abandon most responsibilities and, for some, any resemblance to that of a mature, law-abiding young citizen.

So, where did all of this action-

packed fun take place? Some were lucky and got to spend the break in exotic locations such as St. Thomas and Cancun, Mexico. Still others skied the snowy hills of Colorado and Vermont. Yet, the largest majority headed south for that mystical place with a drastically different temperature gauge than Cullowhee — Myrtle Beach or the sunny beaches of Florida.

Still, there were a few students with a different purpose for the spring holiday in mind. Cassie Barnett, a sophomore from Florida, made the decision to not go

home for the break to play "catch-up" on some homework and papers. Another student who remained at school said, "I hated staying up here, but I know I got more sleep and saved more money than most of my friends." A few students left Cullowhee, but headed home to get a jump start on that summer job hunt, ahead of many of their peers. All wasn't lost there though, even if a student wasn't sitting on the beach watching rare and beautiful forms of the opposite sex and sipping a cold one — at least there

was one thing that you could get at home that wasn't in either Cullowhee or any exotic retreat — Mom's cooking plus some peace and quiet.

The tradition depicted in movies concerning the abandonment concerted by students every spring wasn't all true, but it surely wasn't all unrealistic and false either. Whatever a student decided to spend the week doing, at least it was by choice and a relief from sitting in class.



MADE IN THE SHADE. These college buddies forego any thoughts of Cullowhee and live life to the fullest in Cancun.

REST ASSURED

Students Respond To Increasing Demands Of School By Respecting Tradition And Learning To Just Take It Easy

Spring break came and went. Classes were becoming more demanding and the pressures of summer interviews were becoming unbearable. The realities of final papers and exams started to loom large in the eyes of each student. To relieve these stresses and strains, students continued to observe the yearly ritual called "Scott Beach."

When the obligations of everyday life as a co-ed became too much to take and a short break was needed, students could be seen scampering to their rooms to gather bathing suits, towels, sunglasses, radios and a cold drink before heading to the rear of Scott or Helder dorm.

Once on the "beach," towels

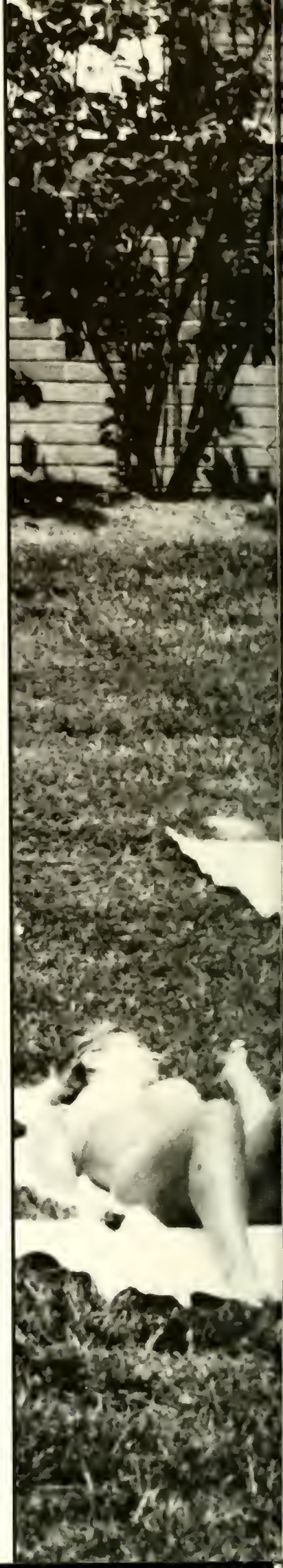
were spread, music was cranked and a little rest and relaxation was observed. Although students were known to use this time to take that much needed afternoon nap, still others utilized the time to catch up on the latest gossip with their friends or study.

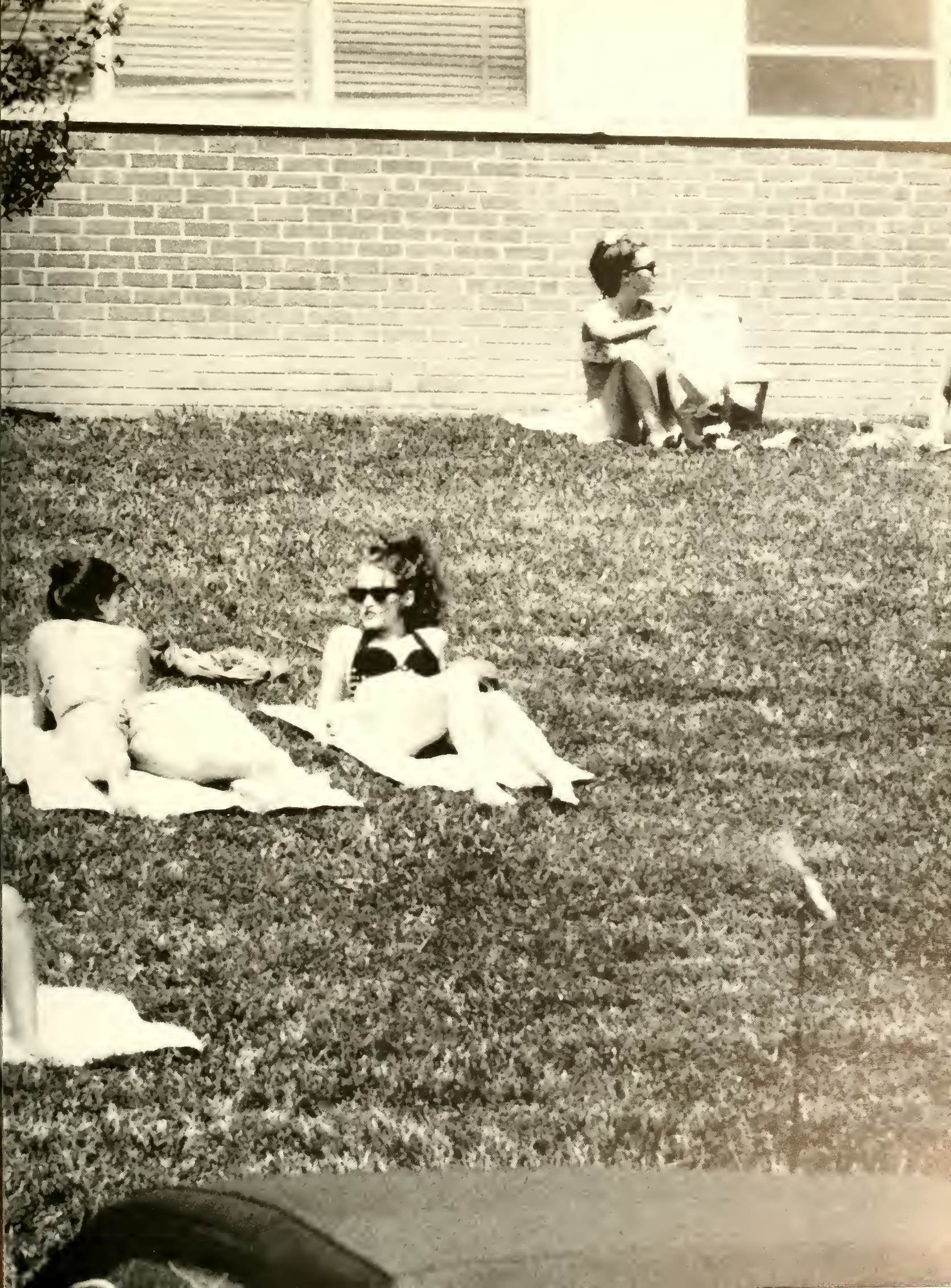
"I love it here when the weather gets warm and I can soak up the rays after class," commented Katherine Frawley. "It's a great time to get several things done at once, like studying and getting a head start on that summer tan, all at once."

This tradition, like the many others that have originated in the creative minds of students, proved itself here to stay, you could rest assured on it.

Photo by Johnny Wright

LAID BACK. Spring is here and the living is easier on Scott Beach for these students who know how to enjoy it.





Beach Bash

Providing Relief From "End-Of-The-Semester Blues"

The "end-of-the-semester blues" were a common ailment on campus at the end of the year. Students trudged through final papers, job-hunting, making summer plans and the rest of the things that needed to be done before students could tie up the semester and go home. To help alleviate some of the discomfort students were experiencing, Last Minute Productions and Z-91 organized and promoted the return of Beach Bash. The fabulously warm spring day certainly did not go to waste as hundreds of stu-

dents turned out on the University Center lawn to take part in the sun, games, food, loud music and bikini contests. Throughout the afternoon, students revisited their "field day" times and participated in a volleyball tournament, wheelbarrow race and spit-tin' contest. The crowd particularly enjoyed the bikini contest and yelled to the top of their lungs as the entrants strutted their stuff to the beat. After much deliberation, Ken Bryson and Danielle Frye emerged as the winners.

Eddie Foxx, of Z-91, comment-

ed on the success of the event when he said, "It was great! Since this was the first Beach Bash in two years, I think it was an ultimately awesome success."

Later in the afternoon, even the rainfall couldn't dampen the spirits of the rejuvenated students as they headed inside for the dance. Kathy Stewart commented, "It was so hot but I had loads of fun. I needed the break from studying and now I'm really ready to get the semester over with. The party was great and I'm so glad that I didn't miss it."



BEACH BONDING. These students spend quality time soaking up the rays as they watch the volleyball tournament.

JOINING FORCES. Two teams of friends fight it out on the court to see who plays the best volleyball.





"HERE HE COMES . . . MR. . . ." The bikini contest entries play the crowd and use the stage to win the judge's approval.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY . . . The Z-91 staff members heed the rule and have fun while providing entertainment.



A DAY AT THE RACES. These wheelbarrow race participants prove they are really still kids at heart.

All photos by Felicia Swaim

Play It By Ear

Determination Leads To Excellent Performances

With the style that theatergoers in Cullowhee have grown accustomed to, the Department of Communication and Theater Arts, in conjunction with the University Players, presented a season full of entertainment. The six productions, including "Waiting for Godot," "The Time of Your Life," "Daughter of the Regiment," "Hamlet" and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" ranged from the classic to contemporary drama.

On October 1, Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" made its debut at 7:30 p.m. in Hoey Auditorium. This was the first of six plays to be performed by Western's Theater Department. The production, which ran for five days, consisted of a smaller cast

than any of the other plays.

Three weeks later, the Black Theater Ensemble was ready to put "Who's Everybody" in front of an audience. Five extraordinary nights, October 22-26, proved to be successful for this group of talented students. Professor Alfred Wiggins, author and actor in the drama, stated, "The play was accepted very well by the university."

Wrapping up the plays for the fall semester, "The Time of Your Life," was a large production that consisted of twenty-seven members. Many characters were brought to life on Hoey Auditorium's stage November 19-23. "We enjoyed this production," said Tony Crawford. Having been a part of casts and crews of

other productions, he commented, "Productions with larger casts are hectic but really fun. Especially when they are over."

"Daughter of the Regiment" began the spring semester for theater participants. Adding variety to the playbill, the opera gave students a chance to explore new horizons; musically as well as dramatically.

The first two weeks of April were filled by the works of William Shakespeare and Tom Stoppard. Running alternating days, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" and "Hamlet" provided members of the community, as well as students, one final opportunity, before the close of the semester, to experience unique drama and culture in Cullowhee.



CHAMPAGNE WISHES MY DEAR KITTY. Tom toasts Kitty to her new life.

A REAL MAN CHEWS JUICY FRUIT. Tom and Joe have a showdown to see who can chew the most gum.





WOMAN BEATS MAN. Man is usually the head of the table, but Mary, played by Laura Cathey, shows this male actor that she can put him in his right place, under the table.



THE BURLESQUE SMILE. Kitty shows her infamous smile while she wishes she was back home as a child.

BEYOND THE BAD TIMES . . . Kit Carson explains that we have to look for the good and not the evil.

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STRIKE THE POSE. This actor is showing intense emotion on the stage during his soliloquy.

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS. What can Roseneratz (Larissa Forsythe) and Guildenstern (Allison Cameron) be pondering?

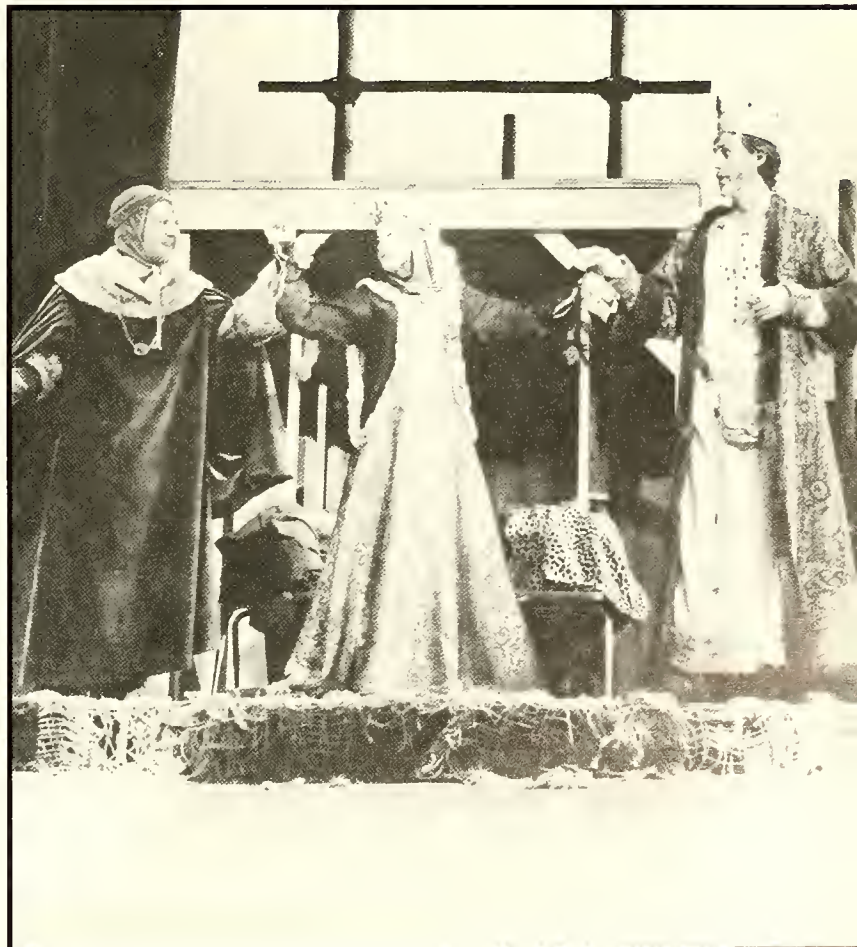


DEATH HITS HARD. At a very painful moment, sadness strikes the heart of a beloved.



THRILLED TO DEATH. Is she really showing genuine grief towards her husband's death?

AN OPEN ARM WELCOME. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern meet a long lost friend once again.



MY FAIR LADY. Whose hand will Gertrude, played by Julie Hamby, take during a questionable moment?

Free At Last

Faculty Releases Another 935 Well-Educated Citizens

Western Carolina University's 935 graduates should not lose sight of the ideal of educational opportunity for all Americans, because that is what directed them to graduation day at Western, said Raymond Dawson, professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and former vice president for academic affairs of the University of North Carolina system during graduation exercises May 9 in the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center.

Dawson's distinguished career in education started more than 40 years ago. He began as a faculty member at Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton in 1951 and in 1960 joined the faculty at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill as an assistant professor of political science and honors adviser. He rose to the rank of full professor at UNC-Chapel Hill and served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and General College from 1968 until 1972. He assumed the administrative post with the University of North Carolina system in 1972. He has contributed to or served as principal author of a number of reports and studies dealing with the University of North Carolina, especially in the areas of minority enrollments, admissions requirements and long-range planning for the state university system. Dawson earned a bachelor's degree in history at the College of the Ozarks

in Arkansas, a master's in political science from Vanderbilt University and a doctorate in political science from UNC-Chapel Hill. He was a former Fulbright lecturer at the University of London and also served as a visiting associate professor at the Institute of War and Peace Studies of Columbia University. Dawson has won numerous honors for his teaching and in 1987 received the UNC General Alumni Association's distinguished Service Medal.

Among the 170 receiving master's degrees were mother Charlene Woods and daughter Lucy Woods McEntire, both of Montreat. And among Western's 765 receiving bachelor's degrees was Fulbright Award recipient Rachel Lusk of Cullowhee. Susan Martin of Leicester became the 1,000th graduate to receive a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

More than half of the graduates were first-generation college graduates, Dawson said. They did not allow circumstances, family background or lack of money to stand in their way of a college education. "It is a statistic that signifies a profound change in our society and that is a tribute to the vitality of the American dream," he said.

Americans should not get too caught up in who they are and where they came from, he warned, because they might miss the point — the dream of equal opportunity for all. "Virtually every race is represented here today: white, black, American Indian, Hispanic, Asian. Race, like personal income, was not determinative. What matters is that you all had the same educational opportunity — a splendid educational opportunity — here at Western Carolina. It is what you

have in common that counts. Whether your grandfather was a reprobate or a bishop, whether your mother attended the best school or no school, it doesn't matter."

The doors of education for all are still not fully open, Dawson said. "But we are getting there, and it is our Constitution — a Constitution that we failed to live by for so long — that regularly reminds us that we must keep open the doors." He urged the graduates to put their degrees and their lives to good use. "It is difficult

today to avoid feeling that we have somehow gotten ourselves convinced that 'society' is responsible for everything and individuals are responsible for very little. We can't have it both ways. Take responsibility for your own decisions and actions. Bask in the glory when you're right and endure the consequences when you're wrong."

Following the exercises, Chancellor and Mrs. Coulter hosted a reception for graduates at the Chancellor's residence from 4 until 6 p.m.



SO TO SPEAK. Commencement guest speaker Raymond Dawson, professor of history at UNC-W, delivers his address to the graduates and observers.



DREAM WEAVER. Candidate Caesar Hunt speculates about his future as he enjoys one of his dreams-come-true.

ALL OVER WITH. Graduates are greeted by their friends and family as they file out of the center following commencement exercises.

ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THEIR NEW BEGINNING. Soon-to-be graduates remain standing while their fellow graduates, friends they've spent four years with, all enter the pit.

All photos by Mark Haskett



Chad Bledsoe

ATHLETE'S FOOT. The members of the men's basketball team get ready to jump in with both feet.

Patrick McColgan



Patrick McColgan

THAT'S THE WAY THE BALL BOUNCES. Marcus James thinks about his strategy as he gets ready to serve.



IN THE LONG RUN. A Western Carolina runner paces herself in order to capture a strong finish.



The Intramural league's motto was: "Pain is temporary, pride is forever." Whether it was intramural sports, university-supported athletics or a simple pick-up game on a lazy afternoon, students took their sports seriously. Their energy proved that the pain was considered to be worth the gain.

A summer shocker sent waves through the athletic department when the head coach of the baseball team, Jack Leggett, resigned to accept a position at Clemson University. Keith LeClair, a two-year assistant coach and former player under Leggett, was asked to step in as head coach by the department. LeClair realized early on that he was going to be seen as living in the shadow of Jack Leggett, who compiled 302 wins with an average of 33 wins each season. Leggett also led the Catamounts to five consecutive Southern Conference Championships (1985-89) and in 1987 was named the NCAA Division I Atlantic Region Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Most impressive of all, one hundred percent of four-year players graduated and better than fifty percent compiled 3.0 or better grade point averages.

The football team, as well as the school, absorbed a tragedy in the middle of the season when, on October 6 at 8:00 a.m., Matt Lester, a freshman back-up linebacker for the team, was seriously injured in a car accident. Lester, who up to that point had played in all five games of the season and had been credited with 11 tackles, was traveling eastbound in Forsyth County with teammate Brent Grass, when he fell asleep at the wheel, ran off an embankment, turned to the right side and struck two trees. According to unofficial sources, Matt was paralyzed from the chest down but later recovered to the point of being paralyzed from the waist down with recovery still very much in progress.

Southern Conference Player of the Year was an honor that no one who had played for Western, since the school joined the league fifteen years ago, had ever attained. At least not until this year when Terry Boyd, who endured both an ankle surgery and elbow bone fracture, walked away with the title. He proved his strength and will, not only to the school and league, but also to himself and teammates. Because of this, we all learned a lesson in determination, strength and perseverance. In the end, wasn't the . . .

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Sophomore noseguard Tony Johnson completes the play and adds the finishing touches to the wall that stopped the offensive drive of the Samford Bulldogs on homecoming day. Also involved in the eight-man pileup were Catamount defensive tackles Frank Thompson and Chad Ross, as well as cornerback Willie Williams.



Based on the hand dealt to the Cats, the way the season would end would rest on Coach Hodgins and how well he could

Stack the Deck

Luck of the draw was not on Coach Hodgins' side during the pre-season and the predicted outcome, based on the odds and the cards Hodgins held, was questionable. After posting a 3-8 overall record and 2-5 in the Southern Conference during his first season as head coach, Steve Hodgins was facing his second year with a very young team and a brutal schedule. Despite these two low cards, Hodgins, who was an assistant coach for 10 seasons before being named head coach, was confident about the strides the team was making in the direction of once

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again being considered a championship contender. "We'll still be a very young team next season . . . the youngest in the conference . . . but we are on an up and I expect a lot of positive things to happen with this team," he explained.

Georgia 48, Western 0

The birth of the new season came on August 31 when the team traveled to Athens, Georgia to

face the University of Georgia Bulldogs. Coach Hodgins commented, "This week, to say that it is a challenge is without a doubt, an understatement. It is going to be not only that but an experience when you take that half of our football team has never put on pads on a Saturday." Sanford stadium and its 78,512 occupants were witness to the eventual 48-0 beating the Catamounts took from the Bulldogs. From the opening kickoff, the bulldogs took control and never looked back, scoring six touchdowns and two fieldgoals before a thunderous crowd. The dogs went on a scoring spree in the first half starting with a 48-yard field goal from Todd Pierson and continuing with a 65-yard pass from Greg Talley to Larry Whare. After three more touchdowns, the final touchdown of the half was scored with a Peterson field goal. The second half was rather quiet with one score in the third quarter which made the game 34-0. The final quarter of the game just made the beating more severe with an eight-yard reception to make the 48-0 score undeniably final.

Wake Forest 40, Western 24

Those screaming Demon Deacons burned the Cats with the long pass then held off the team in the second half for a 40-24 win for ACC team Wake Forest on a humid night at Groves stadium in Winston-Salem.

The game reunited coach and player as Wake's Bill Dooley recruited and coached Hodgins for UNC.

Kerry Hayes, a freshman from Camden, SC, outruns a Moccasin to score a touchdown in the Western victory over UT-Chattanooga. Hayes totaled 248 all-purpose yards and his 95-yard punt was the longest since 1972.



in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

The Deacons scored on all four of their first half possessions en route to a 27-3 halftime lead and made it 33-3 on their first possession of the third period before the Catamounts came back with three touchdowns in the last 25 minutes of the game.

The Catamounts put together scoring drives of 79, 77 and 54 yards in the second half as they finished with their best offensive performance since early in the 1990 season as they rolled up 398 yards and 24 first downs. Amazingly, Western converted 13 of 18 third down situations but lost the ball three times in Wake territory on a pair of fumbles and an interception.

"We did some good things at time on both sides of the football tonight, but it all goes back to the bottom line and that says we didn't do enough things well to win," said Hodgin.

ETSU 15, Western 29

Western's first win of

the season came only after a hard fight against the Buccaneer offense and defense before a crowd of 3,319 in Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Catamounts took charge in the first quarter with an interception and a 15-yard run by Frank Thompson, making it the first score of the game.

A missed pass and a fumble put the Cats back from the East Tennessee State two-yard line to their 23. There was hope when ETSU made a pass interference penalty against Western giving them another chance for another score. From there, on a first-and-goal, Robert Roberts ran around the left side for the score. Another Shirley extra-point kick made it 21-0, Western over ETSU at half-time.

Things started to crumble for the Catamounts early in the second half after Buccaneer Billy Marsh took the ball at the four after the first kickoff of the half, and took it for 96 yards to make the first score of the game for ETSU.

After the failed ensuing

drive, which was due to a fumbled snap on a fourth-and-12 for a 37 yard field goal attempt, Buccaneer Derrick Hollins broke through the Western defense line to make a 42-yard run for their second touchdown. Two penalties gave ETSU just the chance to make a two-point run down the right side to make the score 21-15.

The Buccaneers drove into Catamount territory midway of the final period, but outside linebacker Philip Strouth caused a fumble that was recovered by inside linebacker Tom Bodine at the ETSU 47. From there, Western moved 47 yards in nine plays to ice the game when freshman fullback Marcus Roberts scored from the one yard line and Lonnie Galloway followed with a two point conversion run to make the ending score 25-19.

Furman 42, Western 14

Furman won its fourth straight over the Catamounts and continued its dominance of Western at E.J. Whitmire stadium with a 42-14 win before a standing room only crowd of 12,445.

The Paladins used big plays from its offense, defense and special teams to defeat the Catamounts for the sixth time in eight tries on the Whitmire turf.

Furman capitalized on a Western fumble to get on the scoreboard early as they had to drive only 26 yards for a 7-0 lead. After a sustained 64-yard drive that made it 14-0, Furman took advantage of a costly third down off-sides penalty for a 21-0 halftime lead.

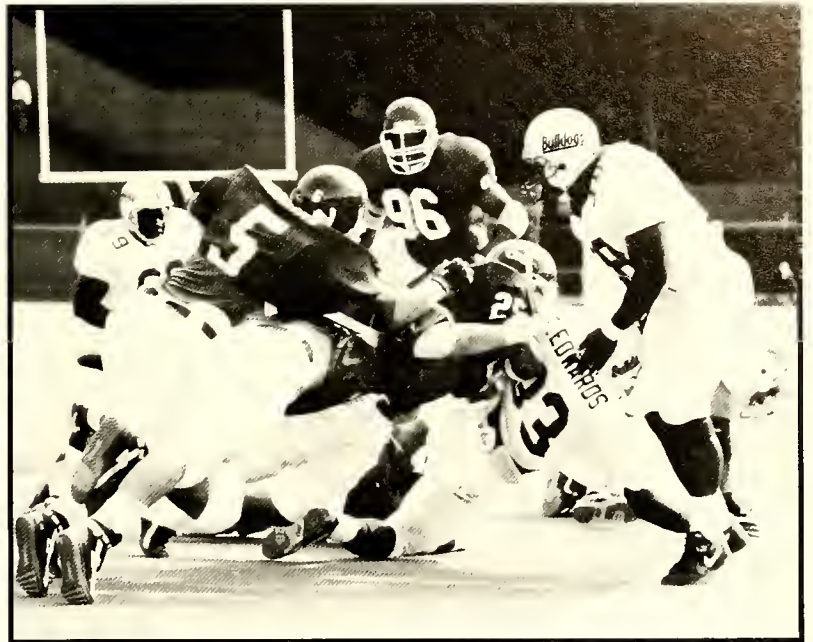
Dion Lemon got the Catamounts back in the game early in the third period when he picked off a Paladin





Sophomore running back Kevin Thigpen pushes past the UTC defense to score yet another TD. Thigpen was the leading rusher in the game.

Even though Western defense had the best game of the season, it wasn't enough to stop the nationally-ranked Samford Bulldogs on homecoming day.



pass and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown. However, Furman answered with a 12-play, 80-yard drive to keep the momentum.

Western made another run late in the third period when tailback Kevin Thigpen scored from 20 yards out to make it a 28-14 game. Once more, the Paladins broke the Cats' spirit when Billy Whitley returned the ensuing kickoff 98 yards to seal the win.

The Citadel 38, Western 13

The Catamounts continued to have their problems in Charleston and against the Citadel in a disheartening 38-13 rout at the hands of the Bulldogs at Johnson Hagood stadium.

The Citadel scored on its first four possessions and held at least a three-touchdown margin for the

rest of the evening.

Western could not contain quarterback Jack Douglas as he ran for 93 yards and scored three touchdowns in the first half as the Bulldogs led 28-0 at halftime.

The Cats got on the scoreboard on their first possession of the second half when they drove 61 yards in ten plays and forced the Citadel to fumble on its next possession to swing the momentum toward the Western side of the field. However, the Bulldogs intercepted a Catamount pass on the next play and went in four plays later for the icing score.

Georgia S. 44, Western 6

A crowd of 19,190 was witness to the clashing between the Eagles of Georgia Southern and the Catamounts in Statesboro on Georgia's first game with

a Southern Conference school after being admitted to the conference.

The four-time NCAA Division I-AA champion made believers of the Catamounts and visitors en route to a 44-6 pounding of the Cats.

The Eagles scored on their first possession with a 31-yard pass by Lester Efford. Western reacted quickly with a 55-yard drive and a 36-yard field goal to cut Georgia's lead 7-3. Eagles scored on their next three possessions while Western could gain only one first down in that stretch and fell behind 28-3.

Lonnie Galloway, who had rushed for 58 yards and passed for 66 in the first half, suffered a season-ending shoulder separation shortly before halftime and would be side-lined for the remainder of the game. After replacing Galloway with Derrick Harris, the offense was moved back to the 34 and had to settle for another field goal, the last scoring by the Catamounts for the day, which

left things at 28-6 at half-time.

Georgia Southern returned charged up as they moved 62 yards for another touchdown, putting them ahead by a margin of 35-6. Twelve plays later another score came from a 15-yard pass to Eagle Terrence Sorrell. With the extra point blocked by Tony Johnson, the score was left at 41-6. The final score of the game arrived by a 53-yard field goal making the score 44-6 at the last whistle.

UT-C 24, Western 27

Just when things appeared to be the darkest, the Catamounts came off the floor for a dramatic upset and set the stage for a promising second half to the season.

A pair of freshmen provided the heroics as Western broke a three-game losing stream and evened its conference record at 2-2 with a 27-24 shocker over UT-Chatanooga.

The game had a famil-

iar beginning as the Moccasins scored on their first possession and held the Cats out of the endzone on their first three possessions behind freshman quarterback Chad Greene. Midway of the second period, Greene got his team out of a deep hole with a 22-yard run, but suffered a shoulder injury on the play. He was replaced by senior Derrick Harris, who led the Cats to a tying touchdown and then put Western on top, 13-7, with a 43-yard scoring pass.

After UT-C took a 17-13 lead midway of the third quarter, WCU rallied to within three on Phil Shirley's 38-yard fieldgoal and took a 24-17 lead with 3:17 left on freshman Kerry Hayes 95-yard punt return.

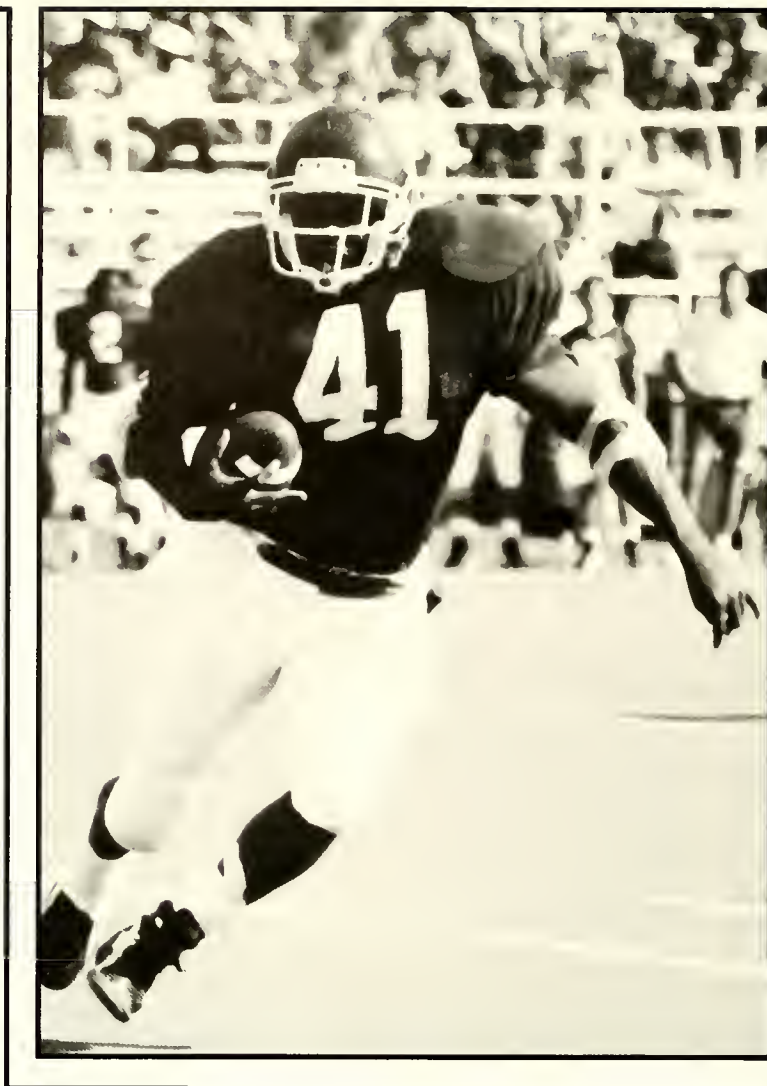
UT-C scored in seven plays to tie the game, 24-24, with 1:14 to play.

Harris completed four passes to move Western 48 yards in seven plays to the Chattanooga 32 from where Shirley, another rookie, kicked a 48-yard fieldgoal against a strong wind to give the Catamounts a 27-24 lead with 0:01 showing on the game clock.

Samford 16, Western 3

It was to be the fifth consecutive year that Western Carolina lost its homecoming game to a nationally-ranked team. The Catamounts could not follow their dramatic win of a week earlier as they squandered several scoring opportunities in a 16-3 loss to Samford University before a crowd of 9,530 in Whitmire stadium.

The Catamounts drove to the Samford eight on their first possession before running out of downs. The bulldogs



Kevin Thigpen heads from the 20-yard line to the endzone to score against the Paladins, making it a 28-14, Furman leading, game.

dogs then took over and drove 88 yards in 20 plays for the first score of the game and added a field-goal on the next possession for a 10-0 lead going into half-time. The drive for the field-goal was set up by a 10-yard punt that gave the bulldogs possession at the Western 32.

Western Carolina had another first half drive stall at the Samford 17 and was intercepted at the opponents 30 on the last play of the half.

The Cats' only score came at the end of their first possession of the second half when they drove to the Samford two but had to settle for a fieldgoal.

A pass interception in Western territory set up Samford's final score and the bulldogs led 16-3 after three quarters. The Catamounts were never a threat in the fourth quarter.

In addition to the failed scoring opportunities, the Catamounts were penalized eight times for 77 yards, had five passes dropped and two intercepted, and converted only five of 15 third down situations. The Western defense had its best game of the season as it allowed Samford only 281 yards.

Marshall 27, Western 24

The Catamounts bounced back again from a disappointing performance the prior week to play well and, this time, put forth arguably their best showing of the season in a 27-24, triple-overtime loss on the road to nationally-ranked Marshall.

The game was played before a crowd of more than 20,000 in Marshall's sparkling new stadium. It was the first overtime game ever played by

Western and only the second in Southern Conference history.

Neither team scored in the first half due to the fact that Marshall's two scoring drives were ended by interceptions and Western missed a fieldgoal and had a pass intercepted deep in Herd territory. Marshall then scored on its first possession of the second half in only two plays.

The Catamounts tied the game midway of the third period when Kenny Banks recovered a fumble at the Marshall 11 and Kevin Thigpen scored three plays later.

The Thundering Herd answered with a fieldgoal on its next possession and that lead stood until the Catamounts drove 73 yards to the Marshall two where they stopped and had to settle for a fieldgoal that tied the game 10-10 with 6:11 to play. Neither team threatened in the remainder of regulation.

The teams exchanged touchdowns in each of the first two overtimes before Marshall's Dewey Klein bounced a 34-yard fieldgoal off the uprights to win the game in the third overtime.

Thigpen rushed 29 times for 80 yards and scored all three of Western's touchdowns, Derrick Harris completed 16 of 37 passes for 198 yards.

VMI 27, Western 25

For the second Saturday in a row, the Catamounts lost by a matter of inches on the last play of the game.

A week earlier, a field



goal that hit an upright and fell across the crossbar in the third overtime period gave Marshall a heart-stopping 27-24 win. This time, the Catamounts rallied to score a touchdown as time expired to cut VMI's lead to two points, but a two-point conversion attempt was inches short of the end-zone as Western fell by a 27-25 score. A missed conversion kick and misses on two short fieldgoals figured prominently in the outcome.

The Cats led 12-7 midway through the second period after a Derrick Harris-to-Kevin Thigpen pass and a Marcus Roberts eight-yard run but failed to make the conversion after each score.

VMI scored 21 unanswered points and led 21-12 early in the fourth period as Western missed two scoring opportunities on a blocked fieldgoal and

a missed fieldgoal.

Three touchdowns were scored in the last four minutes of the game. Western cut the lead to 21-19 on Thigpen's 10-yard run only to have VMI capitalize on a pass interception — the only Catamount turnover of the day — and have to move only 14 yards to regain an eight-point lead, 27-19, with 0:48 showing on the game clock.

Derrick Harris completed two passes that covered 69 yards and Thigpen bulled across the goal line as the horn sounded to make it a two-point game again. Harris then hit Thigpen on a swing pattern, but VMI's Camillus Musselman stopped him inches short of the endzone to preserve the win for the Keydets.



Tony Johnson, a sophomore nose guard, prepares to defend the Catamount territory against a Furman Paladin. Johnson, a second team All-Southern Conference selection, ranked sixth on the team in tackles with 65 total takedowns.

Junior safety Andra Rosbor gives thanks to those above for a much-needed fieldgoal against UT-Chattanooga. Rosbor went on to carry 32 times and 126 yards for the season.

Appalachian 24, Western 14

Appalachian State took control in the second half with a time-consuming ground game and a dominating defense to defeat Western, 24-14, and take home the "Old Mountain Jug" for the seventh straight year.

Western was the first to score in the game with a one-yard run by Kevin Thigpen and an extra-point punt by Phil Shirley in the first quarter. ASU soon followed with a 34-yard run and an extra-point kick to tie the game 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Thigpen scored on a 24-yard pass from Derrick Harris. An extra-point kick put the score at 14-7. A bobbled snap, which caused an 11-yard punt attempt, put Appalachian on the Western 29. The miscue resulted in a tie-making touchdown in four plays. At halftime, the score was tied at 14-14.

It was all Appalachian State in the second half. The Mountaineers outgained

the Catamounts 217 yards to 56, ran 20 more plays and had possession 23 minutes as compared to seven for the Cats. Western picked up only one first down in its first four possessions in the second half and only four in the last 30 minutes.

The win clinched the Southern Conference championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA I-AA Championship Play-off for ASU, which finished regular season play with an 8-3 record.

Western Carolina ended the season 2-9, the fifth consecutive losing season—the last two being under Coach Steve Hodgins, whose record as a head coach was now 5-17.

Even though the signs of progress didn't reveal themselves in the win/loss column, the play of the Catamounts on the field certainly did. The evidence existed in games such as UT-Chattanooga and Marshall. In the 1990 season, Western Carolina

lost to UT-C 23-21 and to Marshall 42-14. This season the Catamounts shocked the Mocs 27-24 and lost to the Thundering Herd by the same in three overtimes. The come that close to beating Marshall, one of the nation's top I-AA programs, is no small feat.

But, all of that could

change considering that next year Hodgins will return 16 starters, 10 of them on defense. Maybe that key will be the trump card that Hodgins, the football staff and the team needs to re-establish Western Carolina as a powerhouse championship team in Southern Conference football.



Second-year head coach Steve Hodgins, praised by Athletic Director Bobby Setzer as, "an outstanding coach with strong organizational and motivational skills," gets the players fired up before sending them back onto the field.

Derrick Harris pushes his way past the Mountaineer defense and down the field towards the endzone in the last game of the season against Appalachian. It was the fifty-fifth meeting between the teams on the football field.





SCOREBOARD

W/L	OPPONENT		WCU
L	Georgia	48	0
L	Wake Forest	40	24
W	ETSU	15	29
L	Furman	42	14
L	The Citadel	38	13
L	Georgia Southern	44	6
W	UT-Chattanooga	24	27
L	Samford	16	3
L	Marshall (3 OT)	27	24
L	VMI	27	25
L	Appalachian	24	14

Overall: 2-9-0
Southern Conference 2-5, Sixth place

Freshman flanker Kerry Hayes turns on the turbo to outrun UT-C. It was the second, and last, win of the season.

Against All Odds

Despite Inexperience Team Spirit Soars

The Lady Catamount Volleyball team fought and clawed their way through a difficult season ending with a 6-26 overall record. Particularly tough to accept was the loss to UT-Chattanooga in the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament held in Boone, NC.

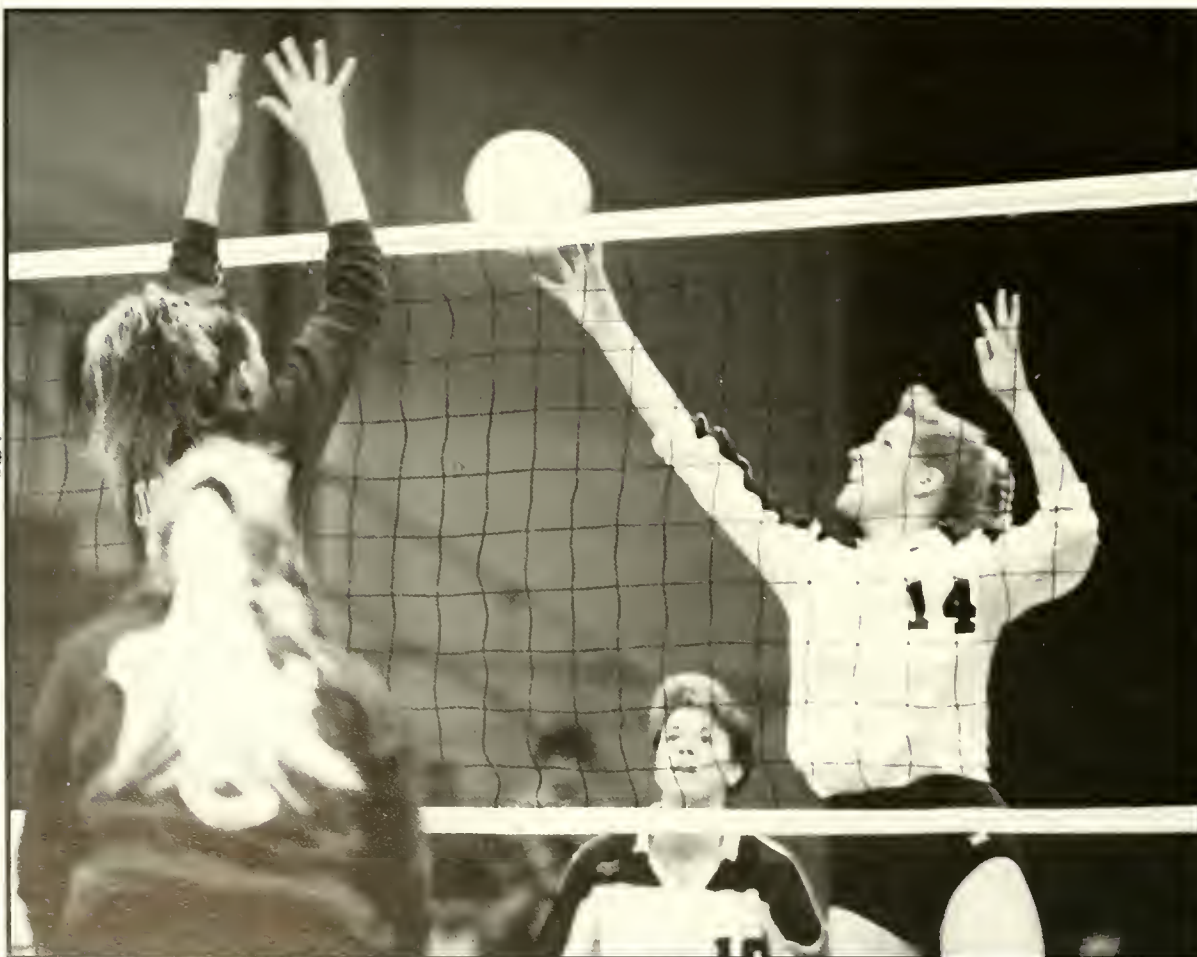
The odds were against the team from the beginning of the season due to a number of factors, including the loss of Regina Brown, the Southern Conference Player of the Year last season. Head Coach Trish Howell was faced with the task of restructuring the team and placing players with lit-

tle or no previous playing time into starting positions. Three freshmen on this year's squad saw considerable action and should be key components for next season. Most impressive was Emily Tillotson, who moved into a starting slot late in the season and finished with the team's second-best hitting percentage at .185. Marian Simpson and Kristen Boyd also had significant contributions in their rookie year. After early losses to Clemson University and UT-Chattanooga, Western rallied to come back with a 15-4, 15-0, 15-11 victory over Georgia State.

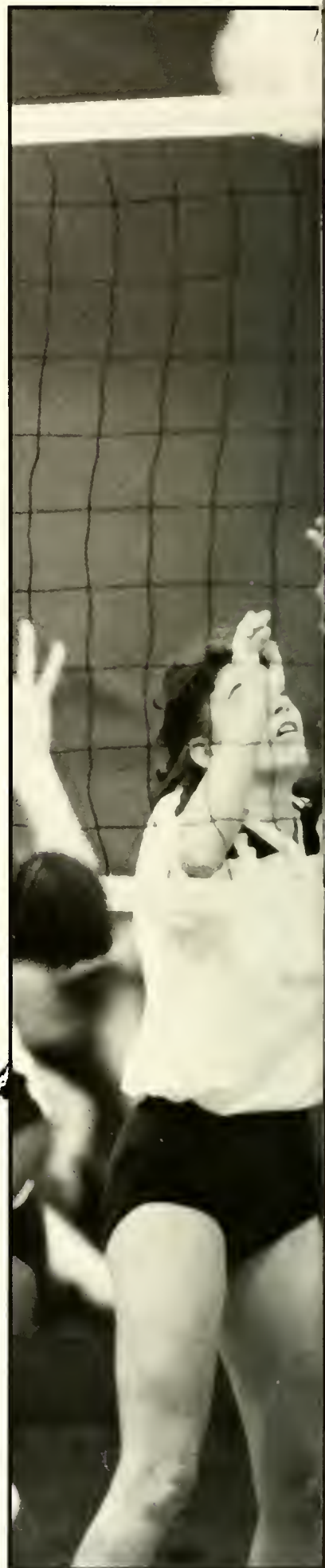
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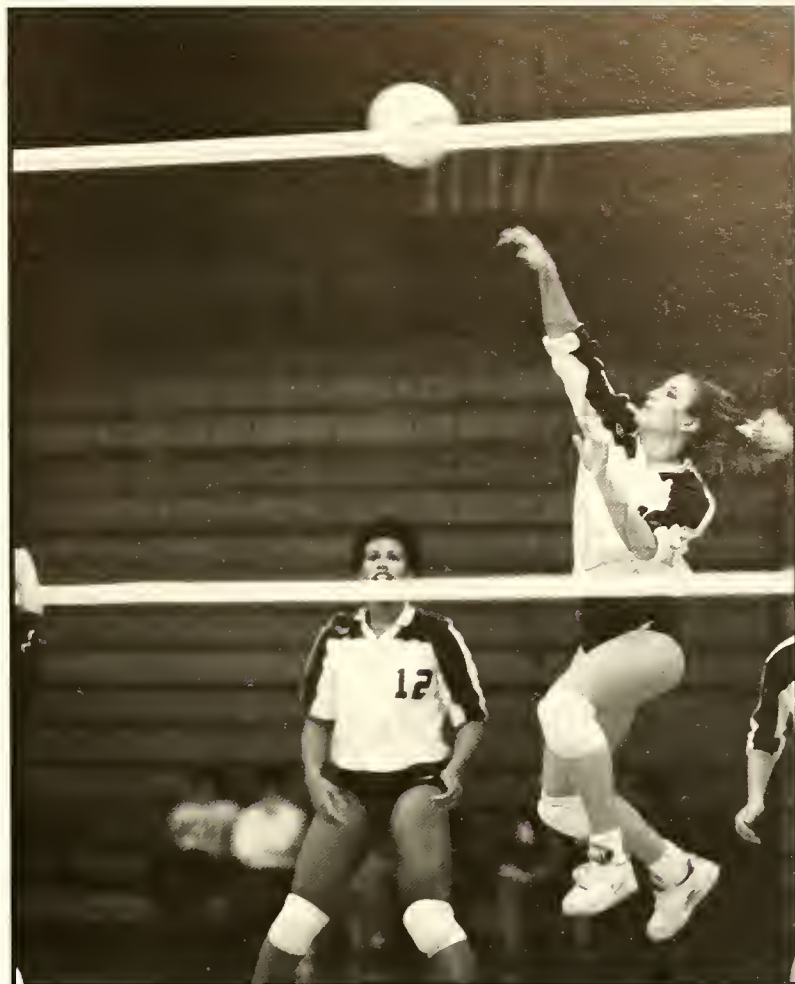
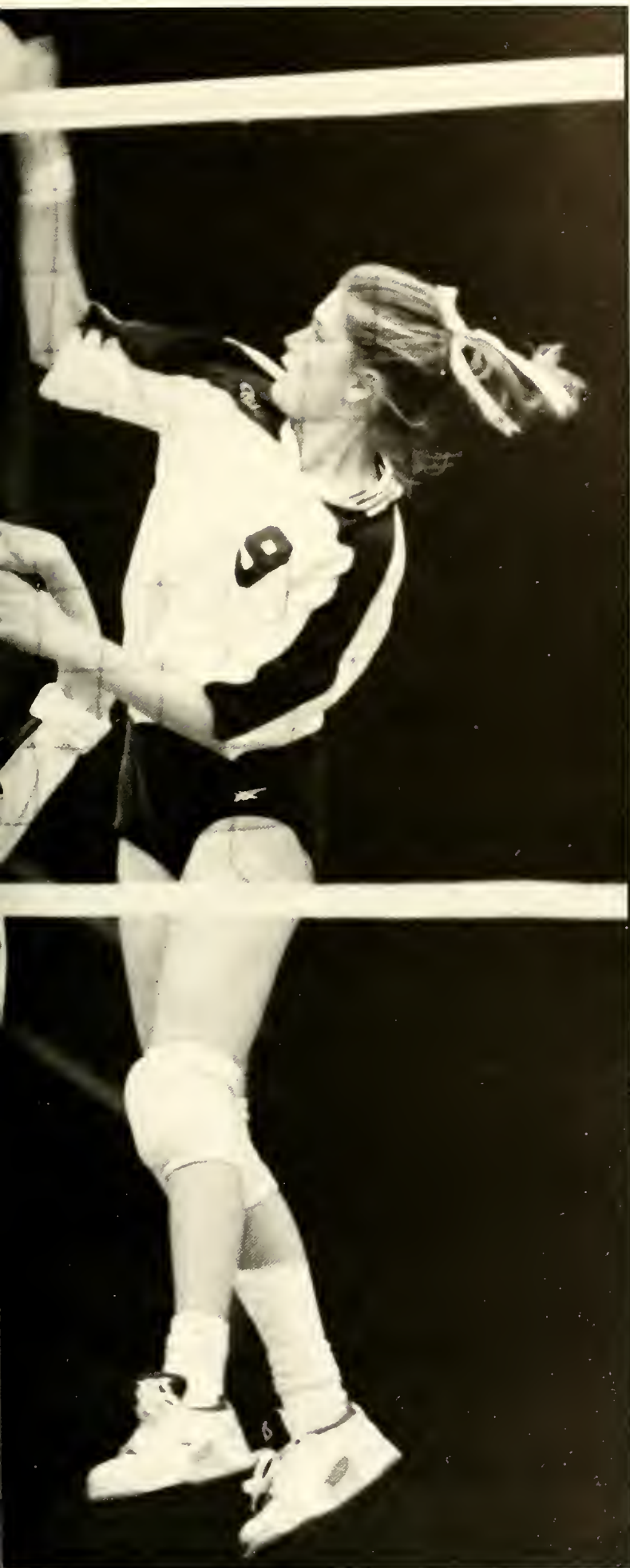
show it, a number of players came to light and added a great deal to the season. Sophomore Jennifer Ross and Junior Katherine Thomas were named to the All-Tournament Squad as a result of their performance during the Charleston Southern Invitational.

Though the girls' hopes were let down, their spirit, dedication and endurance kept them alive. However disappointing, it was only the third losing season for the Lady Catamounts in the past twelve years.



CONCENTRATION IS THE KEY ON THE COURT. Freshman starter Kristen Boyd sets the ball up for a fellow team member.





STRUTTING HER STUFF. This player's athletic ability is prevalent in her game.

All photos by Mark Haskett.

DEFENDING CATAMOUNT TERRITORY. Hard work and determination for Emily Tillotson leads to great spikes like this one.



Give Blood

Play Rugby

When senior Mark Sumner first started playing rugby several years ago, he didn't think about how far his pastime might go.

Founded as a club sport at Western in the spring of 1991, by Sumner and Jason Martin, the young rugby team worked hard to finish the 1991 season with a record 3-2-1. The team, consisting of a little more than thirty players, managed a final ranking of third in their division, and was tied for second place with Wake Forest University.

Though the team started the

season as a fresh and inexperienced group of players, they received many compliments on their progress from competitors such as Belmont Abbey, Wake Forest, and Davidson College.

"I'm satisfied with the progress the club's made, and I hope that it will benefit the students and the University," said founding member Mark Sumner. "I started this just to see if I could do it. At first it was just a dream and now it's reality — it's something that I'm really proud of."



FACE TO FACE. If they cannot go around you, they can go through you. The rugby team plays as mean as they look.

GOING FOR BROKE. This player tries to break loose and score for his team.

JUST FOR KICKS. This rugby player kicks the ball downfield towards his teammates.

HARD ON HIS HEELS. These rugby players track down another opponent to make a mess of.





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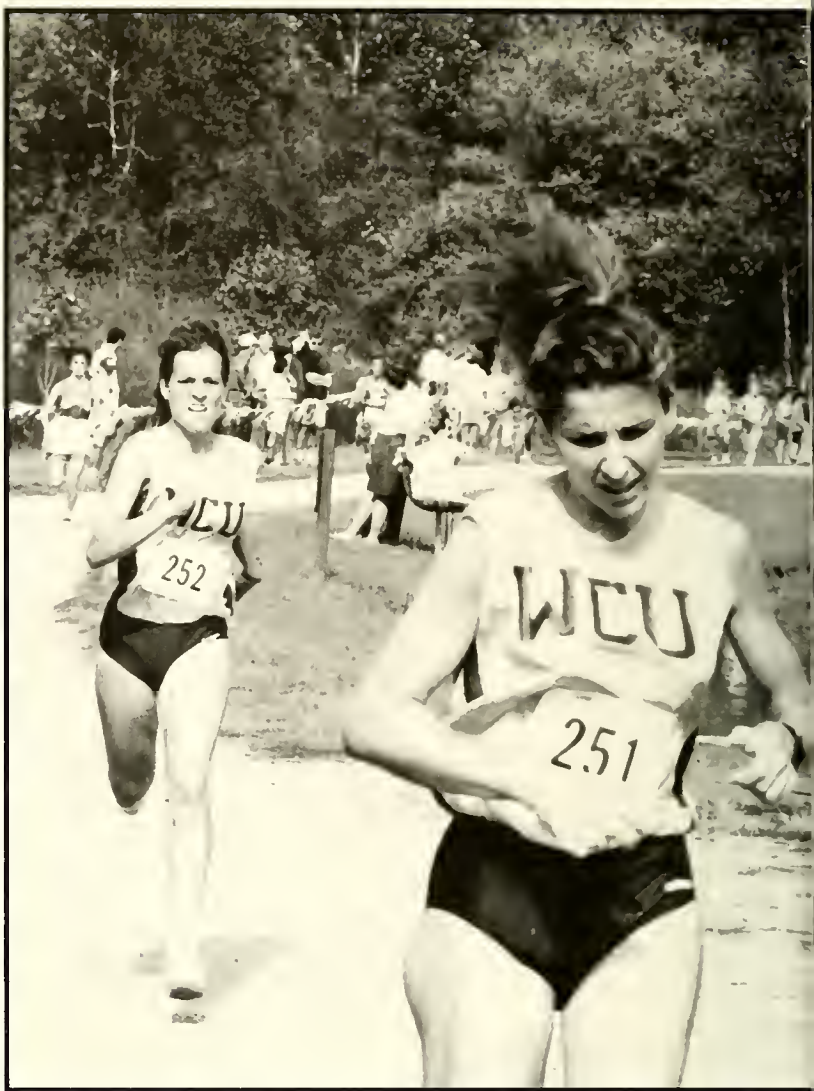
FREE-FOR-ALL. When the ball is loose, it is a no holds barred fight for possession.

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. These guys do not care where the ball is at, they just go for it.



GIVE IT YOUR ALL! This Western athlete gives everything to her sport.

MAINTAINING THE LEAD. These Western runners are having a great race.



All photos by Chad Bledsoe



HEADED FOR HOME. After a long race, this Catamount runner sprints to the finish line.





Against The Wind

Cross Country Teams Run With Spirit

Coach Danny Williamson's men's and women's cross country teams completed a difficult 1991 season with the NCAA District III championships, held in Greenville, S.C. Throughout the season, the teams faced innumerable odds, particularly the series of injuries sustained by several members of the men's team including runners Mike Helms and Chris Edwards.

Intense heat added to the team's difficulties at the UNC-Charlotte Invitational, where the men's team finished 10th out of 13 teams and the women placed 8th from a total of 11 competing teams.

In the final meet of the regular season, the NC Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships held at Davidson, N.C., both the

men's and women's teams finished in a seventh place position. Several WCU athletes gave excellent performances, particularly women's team member Susie Gardner who placed 4th in the 5 kilometer course.

As the teams prepared for the Southern Conference Cross Country Championships held in Blowing Rock, N.C., Coach Danny Williamson displayed confidence in his athletes saying "I think we are better than we were last year going into the conference championships and I think a first division finish for both our men and women is a realistic goal."

Although the Southern Conference Championship meet did not place Western in a winning position, both the men's and women's

teams put forth their best efforts and managed to produce some excellent finishes. Sophomore Susie Gardner claimed a fourth place finish in the 5K course, and became the first WCU female to be an All-Southern Conference Selection. In the men's division, freshman Donnie Reuss ended with a 16th place finish, an excellent performance for a first-year competitor. Also outstanding were women Rita Roberts and Elizabeth Ranson with 11th and 15th place finishes, and men's team members Jason Whitworth and John White, placing 21st and 23rd.

Overall, the women placed third in a field of six teams in the 5K race, while the men's team finished sixth out of eight teams in the 8K race.



JUMPING TO THE FRONT. The women's cross country team is off to another great race.

MOVING UP ON THE PACK. This runner easily overtakes his opponent.

On the Ball

Men's Basketball Puts Ability to the Test

This year's basketball season proved the Catamounts to be on an upswing from the past few years. The Catamounts opened the season with an exhibition game against the Spirit Express. Despite a close loss of 108-103, Western put forth an effort that was to characterize the rest of the season.

"I am confident that we will put our best team yet on the floor in the coming season," said coach Greg Blatt, prior to the start of the season. Blatt brought together a team consisting of six lettermen and seven newcomers, with two of the returnees, Terry Boyd and Robert Gaines, both highly rated in the Southern Conference. Early in the season, there was some concern over Terry Boyd, who received arthroscopic surgery on his ankle, and missed the first few weeks of practice. This later proved to be no hindrance to the athlete's performance and he, along with Gaines, led the conference, in points scored, throughout the season. The remaining lettermen including BJ Thompson, Maurice Williams, Scott Newman and Monty Bumper, provided performances that allowed the Cats to sweep over opponents such as Marshall and the Citadel.

On November 16, the team ended the exhibition season with the defeat over the Stockholm Capitals 78-60. By December, Western was well into the season and showed promise for matches set to take place over Christmas break. However, the holidays proved to be less than festive for the Catamounts, as they lost five consecutive games.

The January 13 home game against Marshall brought both victory and honor to Western Carolina when Robert Gaines broke the Ramsey Center record for the most points scored in one game. The 6'6" forward scored 44 points against Marshall. The previous record had been set by John Taft of Marshall in 1989. "The teammates made it easy for me," said Gaines. "As far as wins, it was the greatest game for me." The Catamounts led from the beginning primarily because of Gaines' accuracy in shooting. "What a great effort," said coach Blatt. "He was very relaxed with comfortable, relaxed shooting." Blatt acknowledged the team's contribution to Gaines' efforts by saying that many of the 44 points were scored "because of good passes." Players Greg Dates and Maurice Williams added to the triumph, as well, scoring 15 and nine points, respectively.

The Furman game highlighted senior guard Terry Boyd who scored 20 points for the team despite tough competition by the Paladin's Bruce Evens, who scored 33 points for Furman. This was Boyd's first game since a meeting with UNC-G on January 8 in which he sustained an elbow injury. Despite a strong team effort, the Cat's lost to the Paladins 94-81.

The next big win occurred at home on January 27 as Western met the Bulldogs from the Citadel. Once again, players Terry Boyd and Robert Gaines led the scoring, with Boyd scoring 17 points and 12 rebounds and Gaines scoring a remarkable 26 points. "This was an important game and a much needed win," said coach Blatt. "What was particularly pleasing was our good offense flow. We also played good defense in the last eight minutes." During the game, the Cats led in steals and

rebounds 6-3 and 49-42.

One of the highlights of the season was the January 29 home game against Clemson. The event drew an impressive crowd of 4,193 spectators. "In a way I wish this would happen at every game," said a pleased Greg Blatt. "The crowd was fantastic." The start of the game saw the Tigers take off with a good lead, 26-10 in the first 12 minutes. The Tigers maintained the lead well into the first half, until Western began to rally with freshman guard Scott Bradley leading the way. Once again, senior guard Terry Boyd led the Cats in scoring with 17 points. Following were Maurice Williams, scoring 16 points and Robert Gaines with 12 points. Despite team effort and determination, Western fell to Clemson 81-71. "I gotta give Western a lot of credit," said Clemson head coach Cliff Ellis. "They pulled out all the stops, and we were fortunate enough to pull it out. They made us play."

The Asheville Civic Center was the site for the game between Western and UNC-Asheville which was aired live on ESPN. Neither team could mount a commanding lead in the first half, and neither team could hold onto the lead for very long. There were six ties in the first half, with neither team taking more than a five-point lead. Catamount center Greg Dates' dunk at the 3:25 mark tied Western's game with UNC-A for the eighth and final time as the Cat's pulled away from the Bulldogs, winning 83-75. The Cats scored on four consecutive Bulldog turnovers and never looked back. Junior forward Robert Gaines scored on back-to-back layups to give Western a 74-70 advantage. Dates added a free throw, and senior Terry Boyd followed with a fastbreak layup to make it 77-70. Boyd added a freethrow to complete the 3-point play. Junior Maurice Williams and freshman Scott Bradley each added a freethrow to extend the Catamount lead to nine, 79-70 with :35 remaining. Asheville broke the three-minute dry spell at the :20 second mark with a tip-in by Robert Watson. But it was too little, too late, as Bradley added two more free throws, combined with sophomore B.J. Thompson's foul shot, to make it 83-72. The Bulldogs added a three-pointer by Willie Black as time expired for the final score, 83-75. "I think the key to the game was our spurt with the fast break baskets coming from the defensive end," said WCU head coach Greg Blatt. "It was nip-and-tuck the whole way, until about the three minute mark," added Blatt. "I felt like at that point, we played good defense on four consecutive possessions . . . we got a steal and a block that led to baskets."

The end of the season came quickly as Western was defeated by rival Appalachian State in the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament. But, the disappointment soon turned to satisfaction as Terry Boyd, who scored more points and had the highest career scoring average of any junior college player than transferred to Western, was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year, an honor bestowed not only on Boyd, but the university as well considering he was the first Western player to receive this honor in the school's 15 years of league membership.



Photo by Patrick McColgan

UP AND OVER. Maurice Williams attempts to keep his shot from being blocked by a Bulldog.



WCU	OPPONENT
103	Spirit Express
78	108 Stockholm
96	60 Eckerd College
100	76 UNC-A
79	85 N.C. State
112	101 Grambling State
59	87 Ball State
73	86 Erskine College
70	68 College of Charleston
79	79 UNC-G
75	81 Fayetteville State
55	76 UNC-G
74	65 VMI
93	79 Marshall
66	80 ETSU
61	102 ASU
81	86 Furman
88	94 Citadel
71	77 Clemson
83	81 UTC
83	98 UNC-A
94	75 Marshall
89	86 VMI
79	88 ASU
76	82 ETSU
102	96 Gardner-Webb
89	90 Citadel
73	69 Furman
73	94 UTC
69	94 ASU
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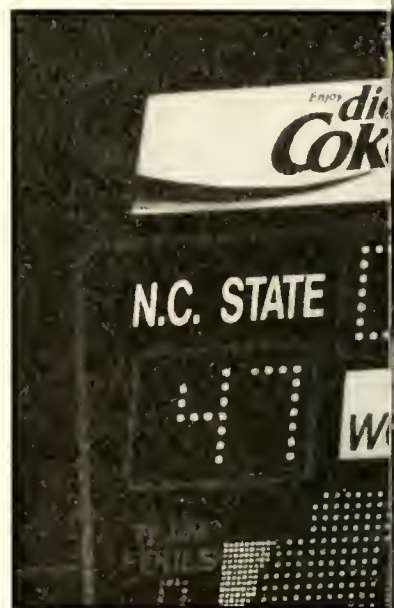
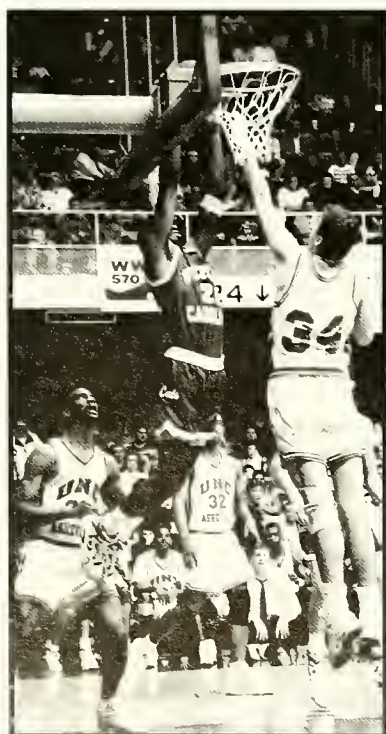
CHECK IT OUT! Scott Newman pauses with the ball to get a good look at what is happening.

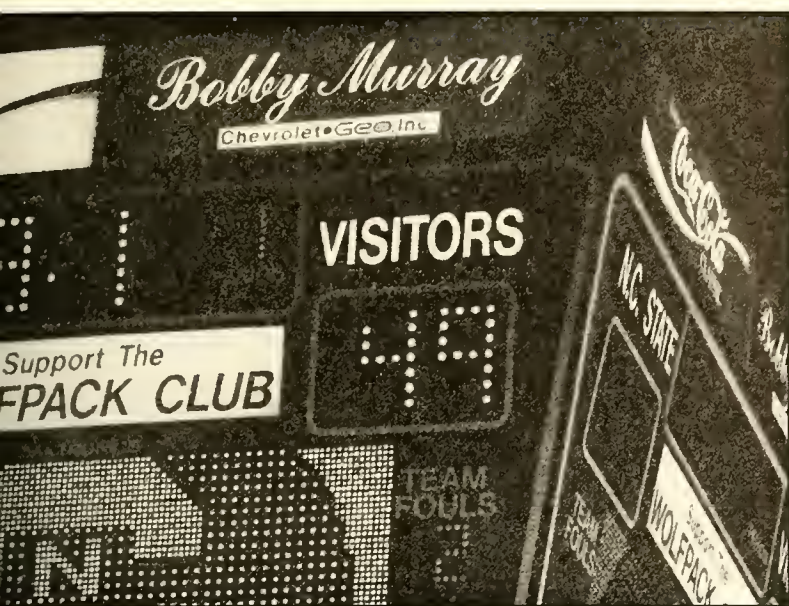
WINNING STYLE! Even though the game isn't a win, the Cats prove that they aren't to be pushed around.



SLAMMED! Robert Gaines outjumps UNC-A defender to bring down a crowd pleasing slam dunk.

EASY DOES IT! Maurice Williams glides to the basket while others can only watch and learn.





UP AND AWAY! Southern Conference Player of the Year Terry Boyd goes above N.C. State defenders for another basket.



All photos by Patrick McCoigan

RUNNING HARD! B.J. Thompson charges down-court with the ball to catch the defense off guard.

ON TV BABY! These Catamount fans show support for their school and girlfriends, live on ESPN.

Shooting★ for the Stars

Eight returning veterans coupled with a sense of optimism and excitement help the team make strides both on and off of the court

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARK HASKETT

Despite last season's disappointing numbers of 4-23, and the unanimous pre-season pick for sixth place in the six-team Southern Conference, women's basketball coach Janet Cone approached the 1991-92 campaign with a sense of optimism and excitement. "I feel like we set the groundwork this past year," said Cone, who was entering her second season at the helm of the program. "We have gone out and gotten five new players that will definitely help our program, plus we have some young players that saw a lot of playing time coming back. If we can keep doing the things we need to do when we need to do them and be consistent, I think we will eventually make some giant leaps."

An advantage for the team

was having eight returning veterans. Seniors Leigh Ann Cook and Charlene Penland, juniors Lori Lyons, Amy McEntire and Marlena Surratt, and sophomores Lori Powell and Angela Rowe led the team in court experience. New to the team were freshmen Regina Dunlap, Christy Teaster and Emily Tilotson, juniors Amy Reece and Melissa Sargent and former volleyball standout Regina Brown.

Midway through the season cross-mountain rival Appalachian State stomped into Cullowhee, and hopes were high and continued

until the second-half. Western had control of the game going into the locker room with a nine-point lead, 41-32. The downfall began when the Mountaineers used a full-court press that destroyed the Catamount defense. Western's offense had little effect on Appalachian's rally; the Cats made only

one three-point shot out of eleven attempts during the second half; the event being quite a considerable failure knowing that Western led the conference in number of three



While Coach Janet Cone and the rest of the team anxiously watch, former volleyball "Southern Conference Player of the Year", Regina Brown, gets the rebound and goes up against a UT-Chattanooga Lady Moccasin. Brown was the teams leading rebounder with 21 for the season.



Angela Rowe, a 5'9" sophomore from Decatur, GA, pushes her way past an East Tennessee defender and towards the basket. Rowe averaged 15 minutes and 4.6 points per game during the 1991-92 season.

Forward/Center Regina Dunlap, a 6' freshman from Asheville, goes above and beyond the Moccasin defense to score. The Lady Catamounts lost to the Lady Moccasins in all three of their meetings on the court.

point field goals per game. Charlene Penland and Lori Lyons led the team in scoring, with eleven points each. Four other Lady Cats also scored in double digits. "I was very pleased with the kind of effort we put forth against Appalachian," said Coach Cone. "We were in the game both physically and mentally. I hate to say it, but there have been several instances this season where we were not in the game mentally and when that happens, we just are not a good team. On the other hand, when we have our heads together, we are as good a team as any in the Southern Conference," she commented. The final score of the Western-Appalachian game was 76-66, ASU. This was the Lady Catamounts third loss in a row after winning three consecutive games previously.

Although the team lost a total of 22 games in the season, the worst defeat of them all came with the 100-78 pounding by UT-Chattanooga. This was the first loss for the Cats where there was more than a 14-point margin in the final score. The teams were tied 20-20 near the half, when the Lady Moccasins took off and did not stop until Western had taken a sound beating. A season high 30 personal fouls didn't help the Lady Cats. These fouls allowed UTC to earn points in 32 of 45 trips to the three-throw line. Junior point-guard Amy McEntire earned 21 points and nine rebounds for the Cats, a personal career best. Senior Leigh Ann Cook followed with 18 points and 12 rebounds. During the game, the Lady Cats made 11 of 25 three-pointers, thereby breaking a former school record for tries made.

Improvement was the best word to describe the season for the women's basketball team. Just



because the record was 6-22 and the team finished in the predicted place, there was more to be said for the success, both on and off of the court, than the numbers indicated. Academically, Lori Lyons was selected to the GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America District III All-Academic team. Five team members received the Athletic Director Academic Award for a 3.0 or higher GPA and included Leigh Ann Cook, Lori Lyons, Regina Dunlap, Charlene Penland and Lori Powell. Individually, Lori Lyons was named to the Southern Conference All-Tournament (first) team after scoring a total of 36

points in Western's two tournament games. Also, Lyons was named a second-team All-Southern Conference selection. Two players, Lyons and Regina Brown, were Southern Conference Players of the Week, the first time Western has had two players win the award in a single season. There were also several noteworthy team accomplishments including: a 59-58 overtime victory over Marshall in the first-round of the Southern Conference tournament, and the lead in three statistical categories such as rebounding (42.4), three-point field goal percentage defense (29.6) and three-point field goals

per game (4.5).

At the end of the season, the Lady Catamounts and Coach Janet Cone could reflect back and remember all of the losses and the "almosts" and maybe feel a little disappointed. But, instead, the attitude of the program matched the improvement on the court. True, the team lost more than they won, but the groundwork had been laid for future seasons. By all accounts, this team was young and upcoming and in the future, it won't exactly be the stars they're shooting for. It'll be the moon.



Second-year head coach Janet Cone, a graduate of Southern Conference member Furman University, has a heart-to-heart pep talk with the team.

SCOREBOARD

W/L	OPPONENT		WCU
L	Winthrop	74	63
L	UNC-Greensboro	87	79
L	UNC-Charlotte	71	60
L	UNC-Asheville	70	68
L	Middle Tennessee	76	65
L	Cincinnati	66	53
W	UNC-Wilmington	71	74
L	Wake Forest	67	55
L	Coastal Carolina	87	85
W	East Tennessee	71	81
W	Furman	70	76
W	Liberty	62	70
L	UNC-Greensboro	74	69
L	Wake Forest	75	58
L	Appalachian State	76	66
L	UT-Chattanooga	100	78
W	UNC-Asheville	61	67
L	East Tennessee	92	77
L	Marshall	59	46
L	Furman	81	73
L	Appalachian State	85	79
L	Liberty	84	62
L	UT-Chattanooga	89	51
L	East Tennessee	87	76
L	Eastern Kentucky	110	56
L	Marshall	69	58
W	Marshall	58	59
L	UT-Chattanooga	84	69

Overall: 6-22

Southern Conference 109, Sixth place

Making Tracks

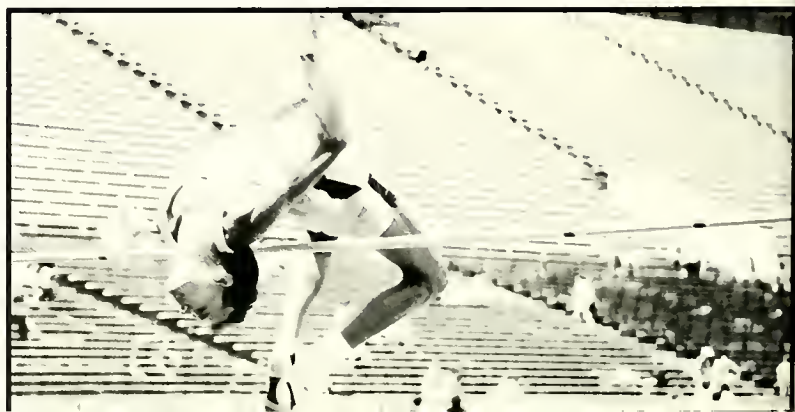
Young Squads Turn Heads And Break Records

The Men's and Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track team had a successful season all the way through. The Indoor schedule, which ran from December 6 to March 14, included meets such as the U.S. Air Invitational in Johnson City and the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The team also had a very successful outdoor schedule that began March 20 at the Clemson Relays in Clemson, South Carolina. At that meet, Susie Gardner became the first woman in Southern Conference history to break the five-minute mark in the mile when she turned in a time of 4:56.9. Gardner, who has been running competitively since seventh-grade, ranked No. 1 in the conference in the 800-meter run and the mile, and No. 2 in the high jump. Gardner was also the Southern Conference record holder in the outdoor high jump in 1991. Mid-way through the season, the Catamounts competed at the Emory Classic in Atlanta, Georgia. At this particular meet, the men placed first out of 29 teams, as it's 94 points out-distanced second-place Morehouse (67) and third-place Furman (51). Sophomore sensation Shawn Miller turned out another all-around effort by winning the 110-meter hurdles, placing second in the high jump and running a leg on the 4x100 relay team that placed third. Freshman jumper Reggie Allison won the long jump and was fifth in the triple jump. Teammate Dustin Nash, also a freshman, placed second in the triple jump and fourth in the long jump. Western's women's squad saw a stadium record and a school record fall in taking first place over a field of 25 teams. The closest team competitor to the Catamounts, which tallied 127 points, was Alabama-Birmingham with 80 points. Duke placed third at 69. Many of the women's team's points came off the performances of junior Von Ross, who set a stadium record in winning the long jump. Ross also won the 100 and ran legs on the 4x100 and 4x400 relay squads, both of which placed first. Also contributing on the women's squad were Elizabeth Ransom, who was sixth in the 10,000; Ericka Crawford, who set a school record in winning the shot and also the discus; Debbie Evans, who placed second in the javelin and third in the discus; Butoshia Doby, who was third in the shot; and Amy Edwards, who finished fourth in the javelin. "All in all, it was a good competition for us," noted Danny Williamson, head coach of both squads. "We needed a meet of this magnitude to get some confidence in ourselves. It's too bad the wind was blowing so hard, which may have held back some individual performances. We hope to build on this meet and prepare for the Southern Conference Championships which are coming up in about three weeks," Williamson added.

The Southern Conference Championships held the weekend of April 24-25 in Huntington, W.Va., had the two team's turning in top division finishes. Shawn Miller, the multi-purpose sophomore from Salisbury, NC, earned the Most Outstanding Performer award at the event by turning heads in three different events. Miller took top honors in the high jump, won the long jump and placed third in the 110-meter hurdles. Joining Miller in the first-place caliber was the 4x400 relay team of Gib Faggert, Jason Neumann, Ashley Parham and Steve Reese, which won first-place in that event. The Cats took three of the top four spots in the triple jump with Robert Tucker placing second, Reggie Allison third and Dustin Nash fourth. In the team standings, Western's men, with 98 points, placed behind league champion Appalachian State (161) and Marshall (143½), and ahead of VMI, ETSU, Furman, The Citadel, Davidson and UT-Chattanooga. "Finishing third this weekend moved us up two sports from what we did during the indoor season and really sets the tone for the upcoming year because of the youth of our team," Williamson noted. "We lose only two people from this squad, so we have a lot to look forward to. This could be a championship team in the future," he added. In the women's competition, Western Carolina athletes took first-place finishes in four events and were second in three more to come away with a solid second-place showing. Susie Gardner won the 800-meter run, Joy Davis won the 400 hurdles, Kim Arthur won the 200 and the 4x400 relay team ran away with first place. On that championship relay squad were Gardner, Davis, Arthur and Tonya Alston. Gardner also turned in a second-place effort in the high jump. Alston was second in the 400, and Arthur gained runner-up status in the 100. Other significant contributors to the women's teams' efforts were Ericka Crawford, third, and Debbie Evans, sixth, in the discus. The 4x100 relay team finished second. In addition, Von Ross was third in the 100, fifth in the 200 and third in the long jump. The performances turned in by the women added up to a team score of 108, distantly behind meet champion ASU's 258. Behind Western and finishing third in the competition was Marshall with 65 points, followed by Furman, ETSU, UT-Chattanooga and Davidson. "Our women turned in another total team effort and I couldn't ask for anything more," Williamson added. "They're giving everything they have, but again we're getting beat by the numbers game. We only have one senior in the program, however, and with everybody else returning, next year could be the year for the Lady Catamounts. I'm already excited about the prospect for next season."

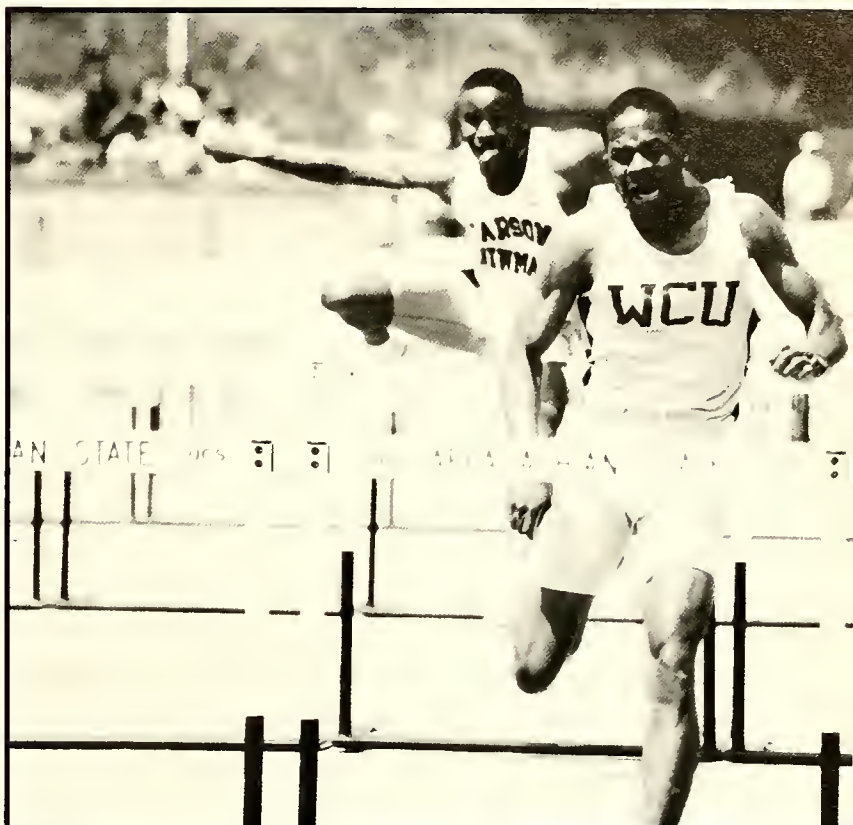
FALLING OVER BACKWARDS . . . for the Cats! A men's team member goes for the gold.





IN PASSING. Two members of the women's squad work for another first place finish in the 4x100 relay.

STRETCH A POINT. A Western hurdler knows "no pain, no gain" as he strives to finish ahead of the pack.



VAULTING TO VICTORY. A difficult, but important, part of the field events.

JUMP THE TRACK. The high jump was one of the toughest events, but a good one for team points.

All photos by Patrick McColgan



Out of Service

Men's team faces difficult end to a long season

A disappointing showing at the Southern Conference Championship concluded the season for the men's tennis team as the Catamounts managed only to tie for a seventh-place finish in the event.

The Catamounts, who closed out their campaign with a 6-13 overall record, began the three-day tournament at the Asheville Racquet Club on a positive note by getting first round wins from Gaspirini in No. 2 singles and Neocleous in No. 3 singles, but events went progressively downhill from that point. Marcus James at No. 6 singles was the only Catamount to notch a singles

win on Saturday, although No. 1 doubles duo of Neocleous and Andrew Randle earned a consolation bracket victory on the second day of action. Due to the earlier losses, only Gaspirini and Neocleous had shots at top three finishes on Sunday, but Gaspirini fell in straight sets and Neocleous defaulted in the third-place contest.

James Gaspirini and Neocleous both eventually placed fourth for Western Carolina in their respective flights. Marcus James was sixth in the No. 6 singles flight, and the doubles team of Neocleous and Randle placed fifth in the No. 1 doubles competition.



Patrick McColgan

Terry Coles slams it back to his opponent from mid-court during a match at East Tennessee. Coles ended his season, as the fourth seed on the team, 2-8 in the conference and 7-14 overall.



Patrick McColgan

Kristin Fogleman keeps her eye on the ball during an afternoon practice on the lower courts.



Andrew Randle, top-seed for the men, gets ready to serve in the Volvo tournament at ETSU. Randle finished the season eighth in the conference tournament and with a 2-8 (c) and 6-15 (o) record.

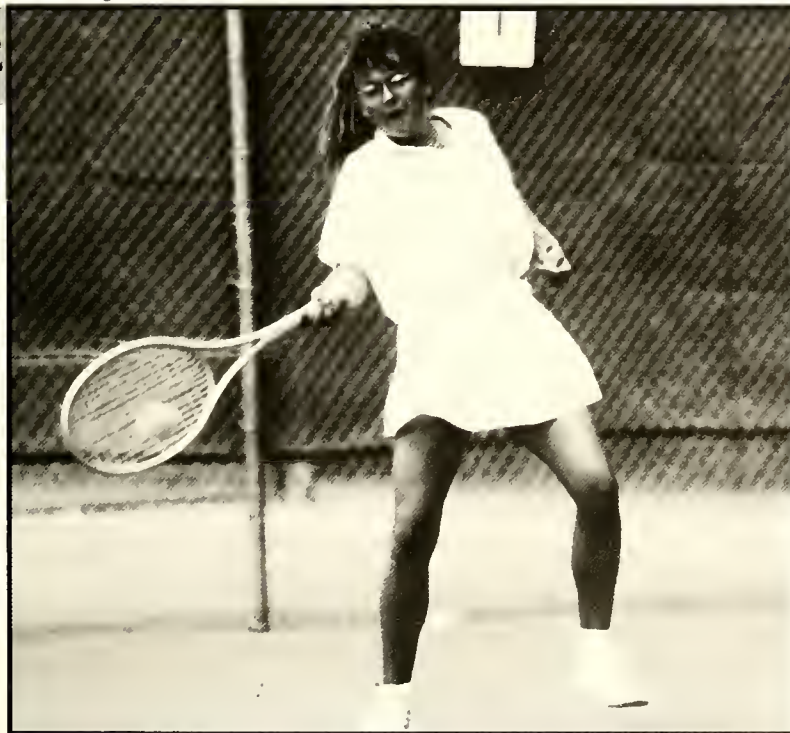
The doubles team of Neoclis Neocleous/Terry Coles presses hard and plays tough to win the match. The duo was 1-0 in the conference.



Mark Haskett

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The No. 1 seed on the women's team, Lisa Ashe, concentrates on returning from the baseline.



IN FULL SWING

team experiences decent season
despite retirement of coach
and less than favorable
tournament weather

PHOTOGRAPHY BY P. McCOLGAN

It was a stroke of luck. Due to new NCAA rules regarding off-season football practice, Johnny Wike, who had coached the golf team over 20 years ago, was able to replace the retiring Jerry Rice as head golf coach for the new season. Wike, who also served as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the football team, has been a member of the football staff for 17 seasons. He served two seasons as head golf coach during his first tenure until the demands of football coaching forced him to relinquish those duties. "Football coaching is my profession and golf is my avocation," Wike said upon his appointment. "It is going to be great to be involved with golf again on a professional level. I am looking forward to the involvement with college golfers," he added.

The combination of a tough golf course, outstanding competition,


and some nasty weather proved to be too much for the team to handle at the Eastern Kentucky Tournament. The Catamounts finished 17th in a field of 18 teams in the University Colonel Classic. The 36-hole tournament was played on the tough Arlington Golf Center course in Richmond, Kentucky. Eastern Kentucky, the host school, won the tournament with a 588 score. Western finished with a 36-hole score of 661. The Catamounts shot 337 on the first day but improved 13 strokes the next day for a 324. Steve Peek led the team's efforts with respectable back-to-back rounds of 79 for a 158 total. Jesse Smathers had scores of 86-80=186 and Drew Lindsay was a stroke behind at 87-80=187. Woody Harvey turned in cards of 88-85=173 and Rick DeMott had rounds of 85-90 for a 175 total.

On October 15, the golf team traveled to Reems Creek Country Club in Weaverville, NC, to play

UNC-A and Brevard College. Western's Drew Lindsey claimed medalist honors with a round of 76 and Rick DeMott took second place with a score of 78, placing the Catamounts in the winner's bracket ahead of the two other teams.

November 2-3, Western played host for the Holly Forest Fall Invitational, which had 15 teams competing. Western team members shot a 319 the first day and came back on the second day to post a strong 308. Rick DeMott led the Catamounts with rounds of 77-76 for a 153 total. Dwayne Simpson finished 80-76=156 and was followed by Woody Harvey, 84-73=157, and Drew Lindsey, 78-83=161. The competition concluded the five-tournament fall schedule for the team.

The team opened its spring schedule with a respectable 10th place finish in a field of 21 teams at the Greensboro Exchange Club



Invitational at Bryan Park in Greensboro. Rick DeMott led the team's effort in the tournament with a 36-hole score of 147. The senior from Greensboro turned in outstanding rounds of 73 and 74 and finished only four strokes out of first place. Justin Free, a freshman, turned in a 78-76=154 card. Drew Lindsey was a stroke behind at 74-81=155. Woody Harvey had a 79-78=157 card and Kevin Kiger rounded out the scoring with 78-83=161.

The Southern Conference Tournament was held at the Raintree Country Club South Course. The Catamounts placed next to last, ahead of VMI, and the top Western finisher, Kevin Kiger, placed 29th with a score of 86-78-78=242.



CATAMOUNT GOLF TEAM: front row (l-r) Justin Free, Erik Robinson, Chuck Shipman. Back row (l-r) Jesse Smathers, Kevin Kiger, Rick DeMott, Woody Harvey, Johnny Wike.



SWINGING INTO ACTION. Justin Free concentrates on getting the shot the team needs to take the lead in competition.

PAR FOR THE COURSE. With some expertise and luck, Woody Harvey gets the ball out of the trap and to the hole.

FOR GOOD MEASURE. Chuck Shipman eyes the line between the ball and the hole to make sure he has the right angle on the putt.

First-year head coach Keith LeClair was under the scrutinizing eye of the athletic department, the press and the fans. Questions of his ability to just survive this first year arose. But, he did more than just tread water. He gallantly rose to the occasion, fired up his team and they, in turn, exploded into the season . . .

Like A BAT Out Of HELL

Last summer, head baseball coach Jack Leggett sent shock waves through the athletic department and the entire university community when he announced that he would be resigning from his post at Western to accept a position with Clemson University. Leggett, who compiled 302 wins with an average of 33 wins each season, also led the Catamounts to five consecutive Southern Conference Championships (1985-89) and five NCAA Regional tournaments. Keith LeClair, a two-year assistant coach under Leggett, as well as a former player for the team, was immediately named as head coach. Upon the appointment of LeClair, Athletic Director Bobby Setzer commented on his selection by saying, "When you have a program that produces winners on the field and in the classroom as well as our baseball program has for so many years, you look to hire from within to maintain that suc-



(Above) Phillip Grundy crosses the plate and greets his teammates in the Catamount win over the Cardinals of Stanford University at the NCAA South II Regional championship. (right) Rodney Hennon digs in and concentrates on slamming it out of the ball park in Tallahassee, Florida. Western edged FSU (1-0) in the sixth when Hennon led off with a single and stole second. He advanced to third on a throwing error by pitcher Roger Bailey and scored on a sacrifice fly by Matt Raleigh.

cess." That success in the classroom was always one element of the team that was so extraordinary. In addition to the team titles and the individual statistics that included 35 first-team All Southern Conference players, six con-

ference players of the year and 16 players that signed professional contracts, one hundred percent of the four-year players under Leggett graduated and better than 50 percent compiled 3.0 or better grade point averages. Fielding



Coach Leggett and key members of the baseball team answer questions at a press conference held during the NCAA tournament in Florida.

Pitcher Jack Kimel throws a strike during the Southern Conference game, that put the Cats in first place, against the Eagles of Georgia Southern.



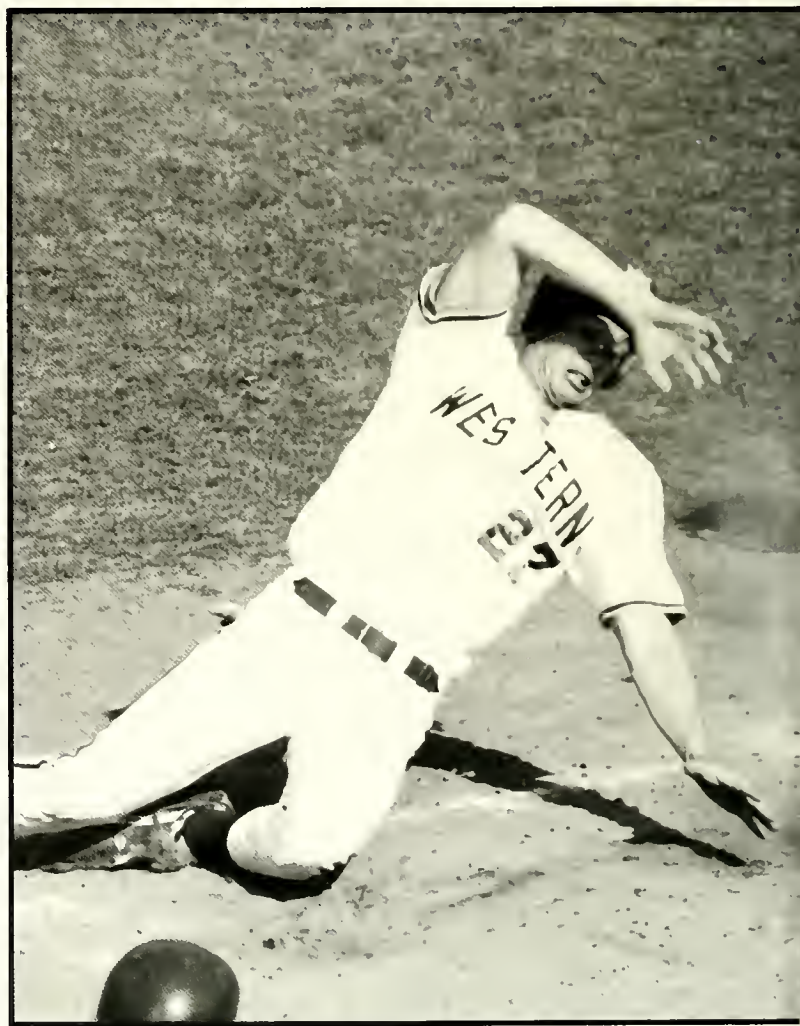
questions about his plans and key points of concentration for the upcoming year. LeClair answered, "I've said all along that I've learned a lot from Coach Leggett the past seven years playing for him and working under him. Certainly I'm going to apply a lot of the things I've learned from him, but on the other hand, I'm not going to try and mimic him in any way because every person has got to be their own person. Coach Leggett is very enthusiastic and outgoing; and I wouldn't say that I'm a laid-back person but my temperament is a little bit different. I feel like I'm a communicator. I feel like I communicate well with the players and have a good relationship with them and I think they know where I'm coming from and where I stand. And I think they're going to know what to expect from me. But, you know on the other hand too I'm just going to apply the same values that have made this program successful. I think the big thing is that Coach Leggett always produced student-athletes. And that's something that I want to uphold here. They need to know that they're a student first and an athlete second."

After reassuring the university of his belief in academics as well as athletics, LeClair went on to explain his priorities to a successful athletic season by saying, "My philosophy on college baseball is: number one, you gotta pitch, number two, you've got to play

defense the way it is supposed to be played, you've got to play it with speed. Speed is one of the things you can't teach. Kids either have it or they don't. You can help in certain ways, but primarily when you get kids, they either can run or they can't run. My main focus is just putting the ball in play and making things happen. I think this year could be the most pitching depth and best pitching that we've ever had here, with the kids returning and the kids coming in. I think if we could just get the kids to realize how important playing defense is behind good pitching. I think that is one aspect that we can concentrate on, and we can become a better baseball team."

The regular season opened on February 13 with a 3-2 loss to the 25th ranked USC Gamecocks. The loss at South Carolina was particularly disappointing as Western held a 2-0 lead going into the bottom of the eighth inning behind the shutout pitching of Phillip Grundy. The sophomore right-hander, who was the Southern Conference Freshman Player of the Year, limited the Gamecocks to four hits and no earned runs through eight innings as he gave up an unearned run in the bottom of the eighth before retiring to the dugout. South Carolina then scored twice in the bottom of the ninth inning off of two relief pitchers on three walks, an error and a game-ending base hit.

On Valentine's Day, the team



traveled to Aiken, SC, and was defeated 6-3 by the 14th ranked USC-Aiken. The following afternoon, the Cats recovered and beat USC-Aiken 11-8 in an 11-inning game that took almost ten hours to complete because of a rain delay.

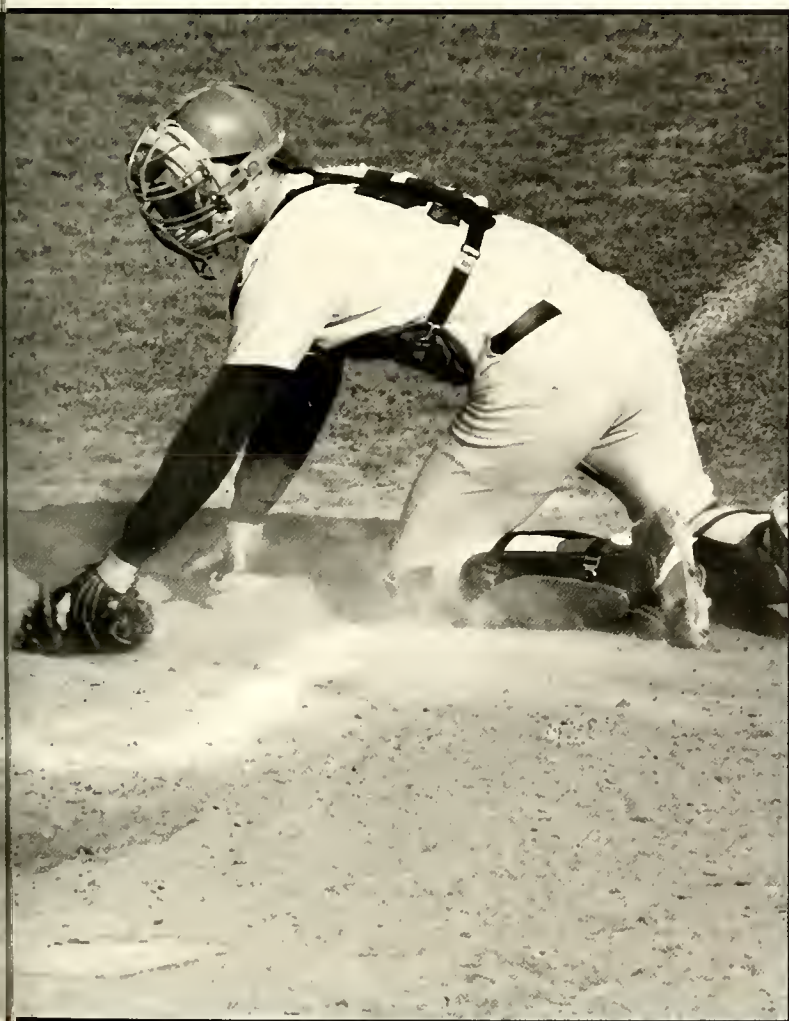
During the week of March 11-17, the Catamounts went 5-1, with the only loss being to Virginia Tech, 10-1, at the end of the week. The highlight of the week was an 13-11 victory over the 12th ranked Georgia Bulldogs in 14 innings on the road. The Cats followed the win at Georgia by coming home and beating Davidson 13-3. Then Western took on conference opponent Marshall starting with a doubleheader followed by a single game the next day. The first game of the double-header ended with a defeat to the Thundering Herding of 6-4. The next game saw the Cats repeat the beating 3-1. The next day, the home team absolutely demolished the Herd and sent them running back to Huntington, WV, with an embarrassing score of 29-1.

A series of games against Georgia Southern in the middle of the season enabled the Western Carolina baseball team to take over

sole possession of first place in the Southern Conference. Led by the strong pitching of starters Phillip Grundy, Jack Kimel and Russ Chapman, the Cats limited the eagles to only two earned runs in the series. For most of the series, the Catamount bats were quiet, but were able to get the hits when they needed them and finally exploded in the final game. "We caught them at a good time as they were coming off exams and had not played in a week and we played extremely well in all phases," said LeClair. "Our starting pitching was outstanding, we played our best baseball, but there is room for improvement and I don't think we have peaked. We are in control of our destiny and in the position we wanted to be in going into the second half of the season," he added.

Southern Conference rival Furman University endured a pounding by Western in a double header held in Cullowhee in early April. Game one saw Furman jump on top 2-0 in the first inning when Mike Haverland singled in two runs. Then, Scott Lyman socked a two-run homer to tie the score while Joey Cox put the Cats ahead with his homerun over the

325 sign in right field. Mike Tidick also scored for Western, completing the four-run first inning. The Catamounts added three more runs in the second inning, highlighted by back-to-back run scoring doubles by Lyman and Matt Raleigh. Western then exploded for four more runs in the home half of the fifth inning, led by the hitting of Phillip Grundy. Tidick slammed a triple and was promptly driven home by Marc Stricker. Eric Whitson scored on a base hit and throwing error by the Paladins. In the top half of the sixth trailing 12-2, the Paladins scored five runs, two of which were walked home by Catamount hurler Phillip Grundy. Relief pitcher Dan Kyslinger then came on for the Cats with the bases loaded and gave up a two-run single. Kyslinger then held Furman scoreless the final two innings, picking up the save. Grundy collected the



Senior rightfielder Joey Cox slides into home plate to score against Marshall. Cox was named Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week for March 10 through March 16. Cox hit .590 and was credited with hitting five homeruns, 12 RBI's, eight runs and stealing two bases.

First-year head coach Keith LeClair communicates with and encourages his players during the NCAA tournament. LeClair emphasized the teachings of former coach Jack Leggett and re-impressed his players with the fact that they were students first and athletes second.

win for the Cats while Shane Spears took the loss for Furman.

In game two, Western had to come from behind to notch the victory. As in game one, Furman jumped out to an early lead. The Paladins got three runs in the top of the third inning. Mike Haverland sacrificed to score Brian Rawlings and then Brian Mahon doubled home Shane Spears and Rob Goecker.

The Catamounts blew the game wide open in the fifth inning scoring four runs. Joey Cox singled into right field scoring Raleigh. Mike Tidick then reached first base when the Paladins' first baseman responded to a poor throw. Marc Stricker then doubled home Cox and Tidick. Brian Hoovan then singled Stricker home to complete the four-run inning.

Western added two insurance runs in the sixth when Cox doubled home Raleigh and when Cox himself scored on a two-base sacrifice fly by Grundy. Pitcher Jack Kimel picked up the win for Western while Adam Murphy took the loss for Furman.

The baseball team left no doubts of its superiority in the Southern Conference when the Catamounts won the tournament championship by defeating Georgia Southern 4-3 in Charleston, S.C. Western entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed after winning the regular season championship with a record setting 17-4 mark against league competition. "We had several players rise to the occasion and answer every challenge in the tournament. There were so many outstanding performances and everyone on this team had a hand in the championship. We seemed to have saved our best baseball for the tournament as, overall, we got solid pitching from our starters and relievers, good defense, and timely hitting. It was as good as we have played this season."



Coach LeClair and other members of the team congratulate a Catamount player on a spectacular performance. Many members of the team had outstanding season individually for Western had two players of the week, player of the year and coach of the year.



Head coach Keith LeClair and senior Matt Raleigh support the tournament trophy as the team who brought the Southern Conference championship title back to Western crowds around. Raleigh also was named "Southern Conference Player of the Year" and was picked in the 14th round of the major league draft by the Montreal Expos.

stated "Southern Conference Coach of the Year" LeClair.

With the SC tournament crown firmly in place, the Catamounts prepared to face even tougher teams as they advanced to the NCAA South II Regional tournament held in Tallahassee, FL. Starting with the first game, the Cats shocked many with their unpredicted success. FSU, the 13th-ranked team in the nation, was limited to three hits in a 1-0 win by the Catamounts. Phillip Grundy struck out six, walked two and allowed three hits in eight innings. Western scored in the sixth when Rodney Hennon led off with a single and stole second. He advanced to third on a throwing error by losing pitcher Roger Bailey and scored on a sacrifice fly by Matt Raleigh.

The Catamounts moved on to face Kent state in the second

round and pounded out a 14-1 win to advance to the third round. En route to passing Kent state, Scott Lyman led the Catamounts with a 4-for-4 effort that included five RBI's. Now 6-for-7 in two tournament games, Lyman had a three-run homer and two-run double. Phillip Grundy was 2-for-4 with three RBI's and Matt Raleigh had three hits and an RBI.

Phillip Grundy drove in four runs and Patrick Kendrick pitched eight shutout innings to pace Western to a 5-0 win against regional top-seed Stanford, sending the Cats to their first-ever regional final.

The Catamounts ambitions of traveling to Omaha, Nebraska for the College World Series came to an end at the hands of host Florida State in the final of the South II Regional tournament. FSU won the first game 4-3 and, thanks to 11 runs in the first two innngs, won the second game 18-3.

"We had our chances in the first game to win it," LeClair said. "We were within one run and then we let them get a couple of runs they shouldn't have got in the ninth. Even then, we still came back in the bottom of the ninth and almost pulled it out. It took a great play by their second baseman to stop us. It was tough to come back in the second game. We played very tight early on and it became impossible for us to come back. We had a great tournament, though. You couldn't play any better than we did for three days. We just couldn't finish the job," ended LeClair.

So, the end of the tournament meant the end of the season for the team. The answer everyone had waited all season for finally came in. "Could he compare?" "Would he be successful?" and "Would he tear down what Leggett spent six years building?" As the first days of summer rolled by, with it came the final statistics

and the awards. To begin with, the record stood at 44-21-1. This team went further than any other in the history of Western Carolina baseball. The "Southern Conference Player of the Year" wore purple and gold. So did the "Southern Conference Coach of the Year." Any more questions??



All baseball photos courtesy of Mark Haskett

The team enjoys not only another win, but another broken record as the Catamounts blowout Marshall 29-1. In that game, they set a team record for most runs (29), largest margin of victory (28) and tied the record for most hits in a game. For the season, the 44 wins was the best ever, their 146 strikeouts broke the old record of 375 and their 17 league wins were a conference record.

Working Hard for Victory

Talent Plus Experience Equals Twenty-Second Place

Hard work and experience characterized the varsity cheerleading squad. The team had the advantage of a majority of veteran cheerleaders, along with four new members including Jason Conrad, Holly Haynes, Shannon Pender and Diane Zumstein.

The season began early for the group, with five squad members attending the Universal Cheerleading Association's Collegiate Camp held at East Tennessee State University. The team, along with two thousand other college cheerleaders, learned new chants, stunts and techniques. They also earned several ratings of "superior" for their work.

The Catamount cheerleaders

cheered at every home game during both the football and basketball seasons. During football season, the squad made seven road trips to support the team. They attended the games held at Georgia Southern, the Citadel, VMI, Marshall, Wake Forest, ETSU and the University of Georgia.

The squad worked diligently to put together special routines for Homecoming, Midnight Madness and the Southern Conference Championship in Asheville. The routine created especially for Homecoming took five weeks to put together. "This squad was one of the most talented Western has had in the last five years," said fall coach Mark "Tiny" Davidson. "This was because of the large

number of people who returned from last year." First year sponsor and coach Sue Collins brought her own experience to the squad. She herself was a cheerleader at Western in the late 70's. "Sue worked hard for the squad," said cheerleader Tommy Strahan. "She was dedicated . . . a motivator. She never let us give up on ourselves or the rest of the squad." With Sue's guidance, the cheerleaders made a videotape of themselves performing a special routine. The tape, which was the first one entered into competition since 1988, was submitted to the UCA Cheerleading Championships. The squad received a ranking of 22nd in the nation.



WAKE UP! WCU Cheerleaders get support from fans as Wake Forest pulls into the lead.



REACH FOR THE STARS. The cheerleaders are confident that our team will always be on the top.



COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP. Tommy Strahan gets the crowd excited about Catamount football.

PUTTING TWO AND TWO TOGETHER. Combined support from the cheerleaders and the crowd motivates the football team to victory.



All photos by Patrick McColgan.

Stephanie Hilton and John Riley



Shannon Pender and Robert Mowery



Amy Roll and Tommy Straham



Not Pictured: Brad Butchka, Chad Lee, Thad Hicks, Shannon McNeill, and Holly Haynes.



Dyan Zumstein and Barry Parks



Lisa Wilson and Jason Conrad

Junior Varsity



MOVE OVER ROCKETTES! The half-time crowd from the Homecoming game is entertained with cheers from the JV Squad.

TOPPING IT OFF. Payge Baggett demonstrates her athletic abilities while keeping the fans alive.



All photos by Patrick McColgan.

JUST FLOATING ALONG. The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders show their school spirit by participating in the Homecoming Parade.



Intramurals



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Table Tennis Doubles —
Sorority
Sherri Almond and Tricia
Blevins — Delta Zeta



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Table Tennis Singles
Independent League
Diana Denny



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Table Tennis Singles
Sorority League
Kathy Crowley, Zeta Tau Alpha



**ALL CAMPUS
CO-CHAMPION**
Track and Field
High Jump — 4'6"
Kim Donahue, Phi Mu



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Co-Ed Tennis Doubles
Kelli Froneberger
Chris Swayngim



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Co-Ed Racquetball Doubles
Juls Morgan
Jeff Bacon



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Racquetball Singles
Independent League
Jeff Bacon



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Racquetball Singles
Independent League
Cindy Cabe, ROTC

Intramurals



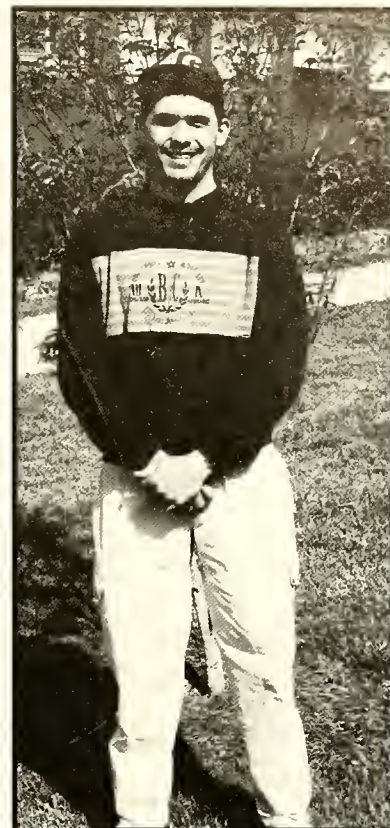
ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Pocket Billiards
Eight Ball Tournament
Kim Anthony



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Pocket Billiards
Eight Ball Tournament
Andrew Sandersen



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Fishing Derby
Largemouth Bass — 20"
Matt Russell



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Fishing Derby
Brown Trout — 24"
Steve Bolick



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Slam Dunk Contest
T.J. Persicketti



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball Accuracy
Independent League
Jennifer Huffman



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball Accuracy
Sorority League
Amanda Seal, Zeta Tau Alpha



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball Freethrows
Norm Anderson and Chad
Barton
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Intramurals



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball Freethrows
Independent League
Shelly Carroll



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
1-on-1 Basketball
6' and over
Mike Peek, ROTC



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
1-on-1 Basketball
6' and under
Kenneth Jackson



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
1-on-1 Basketball
Independent — 5'6" and over
Bonnie Sellers, Angels



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
1-on-1 Basketball
Sorority — 5'6" and under
Dana Leonard, Alpha Chi Omega



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
1-on-1 Basketball
Independent — 5'6" and under
Teresa Yates



MVP ATHLETE
Independent League
Laura Lambert
ROTC



MVP ATHLETE
Independent League
Mike Peek
ROTC

Intramurals



**MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT
MANAGER — Fraternity**
Pat Abbott
Sigma Phi Epsilon



**MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT
MANAGER — Sorority**
Kim Donahue
Phi Mu



**MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT
MANAGER — Independent**
Carrie Phillips
ROTC



**MOST OUTSTANDING
INTRAMURAL
ASSISTANT**
Female
Ginny Groves



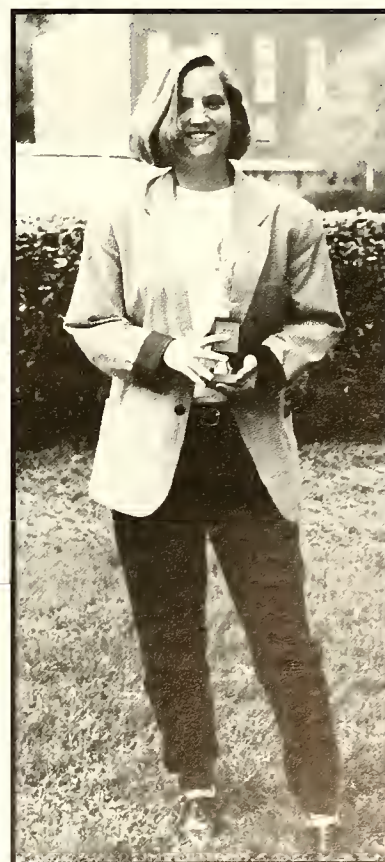
**MOST OUTSTANDING
SPORTS OFFICIAL**
Male
Scott Goins



**MOST OUTSTANDING
SPORTS OFFICIAL**
Female
Kathy Crowley



**MOST OUTSTANDING
SPORTSMANSHIP UNIT
MANAGER**
Todd Ingram, Hazardous Waste



**MOST OUTSTANDING
SPORTSWOMANSHIP UNIT
MANAGER**
Amy Jefferson, Zeta Tau Alpha

Intramurals



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Soccer
Purple League
"Soccer Club"



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Soccer
Continental League
"Nice Boots"



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Co-Ed Volleyball
Apple League
"Hardball"



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Co-Ed Volleyball
Orange League
"Side Out II"



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Co-Ed Volleyball
Pear League
"The Guys"



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball
Sorority League
Phi Mu

Intramurals



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Basketball
Sorority League
Zeta Tau Alpha



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball
Purple League
"Angels"



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Basketball
Purple League
'Second Time Around'



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball
Fraternity League
Pi Kappa Alpha



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Basketball
Fraternity League
Theta Xi



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball
Continental League
"Celtics"

Intramurals



ALL CAMPUS CHAMPION
Basketball
Orange League
Pi Kappa Alpha "C"



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Basketball
Orange League
"Lambchops"



ALL CAMPUS CO-CHAMPION
Basketball
National League
"Street Survivors"



ALL CAMPUS CO-CHAMPION
Basketball
National League
ROTC



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Basketball
Black League
"Nasty Boys"



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Basketball
Red League
"The Express"

Intramurals



ALL CAMPUS RUNNER-UP
Basketball
White League
"Hooterville Express"



ALL-YEAR CHAMPION
Sorority League
Phi Mu



ALL-YEAR CHAMPION
Independent League
ROTC



ALL-YEAR CHAMPION
Fraternity League
Sigma Phi Epsilon



ALL-YEAR CHAMPION
American League
"Physical Force"



ALL-YEAR CHAMPION
National League
ROTC



Chad Bledsoe



Patrick McColgan

AT THIS POINT AND TIME. Chancellor Myron Coulter explains the mission of the university and exactly where it is going in the future to the students and alumni.

LISTEN TO REASON. Undergraduate Tammy Elkins listens pensively to Caesar Hunt explain his view on the educational system at Western.



THAT'S THE TICKET. A public safety officer does her best to answer questions during the Job Fair/Career Day.



The first days of the fall semester introduced a new class of freshmen to the academic life of college and what this campus had to offer. Convocation gave new students a chance to hear straight from the source (the faculty and administration) exactly what the expectations were to be.

The university finally began to examine the system and include students into discussion of improvements in the quality of their education. Academic Standards Dialogues, which began in the fall and continued throughout the spring semester, provided both the students and professors an atmosphere in which to discuss problems and possible solutions.

Teachers in the state of North Carolina also had an academic boost with the official dedication of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching. A project that saw it's beginning over nine years ago, under the direction of Governor Jim Hunt, the center was designed to refresh and motivate teachers, throughout the state, on a periodic basis.

While the country suffered through a sagging economy, the university and the students were not spared the hardship. Budget Cuts (Western was sliced by approximately 2.6 million dollars) came home to rest and had the administration scrambling to cover the deficits and the students complaining about the problem being directed towards them and their pocketbooks.

Throughout the ups and downs, examples of scholastic achievement abounded all around with those students who had excelled in their major, become honor society members, scholarship recipients and Fullbright candidates. Those proud moments made a student answer positively to an eternal question of, was that tassel really . . .

Worth
the
Hassle?



WORDS TO LIVE BY. The new freshman class get their first taste of college life.

BEST FOOT FORWARD. These freshmen are eager to embark on their college career.



Freshmen Convocation

First Lessons in Success Draws 1,000.

Freshmen Convocation served as the official greeting from the faculty and staff to the newest Western Carolina freshmen class. Attended by more than 1,000 incoming freshmen, the class was introduced to the scholarly clad faculty and staff.

Chancellor Myron Coulter spoke briefly to the audience but

the challenge came from John Wakely, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Wakely, speaking on behalf of the faculty, stressed that learning was a process of living, not something that is completed. In order to excel in learning, "Students must set goals," the Vice-Chancellor went on to say. Along with learning from short-

comings and building weaknesses into strengths, the freshmen were reassured that their first year could bring success.

At the conclusion of the Convocation, the freshmen class was released on its own recognizance to begin the rest of their lives. Good luck class of '95.

Under Evaluation

Using Poor Teaching Methods at WCU?

In an effort to raise the academic standards of the university, the WCU facility hosted a forum on academic standards. The October 4 meeting was the first dialogue of its kind.

Undergraduate panelists, Ceasar Hunt, Tammy Elkins and Tara Sheridan represented the students. The panel members made suggestions regarding the current curriculum. Topics included the lack of classes prompting critical thinking, mandatory history classes, class size and the impact of letter grades on learning.

The forum's second meeting was focused on the problems encountered with General Education classes. The panel concluded that too many students were

apathetic toward general education classes in which they do not have interest. In addition, general education classes are often neglected, accompanied by a lack of preparation for the course work.

Supported by the faculty, the professors on the panel stressed the need for general education classes. The exposure to general education, they pointed out, provided students assistance in making a final decision about a field of major study.

The forum was seen as a successful dialogue by all participants. Hoping to help improve the current standards, one panelist said there was "still work to be done."



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TUNING IN. WWCU's Bryan Queen and an assistant work hard to ensure good listening quality.

PINNING DOWN THE PROBLEM? Students and faculty work together towards higher academic standards.





LISTEN CLOSE. Students lend an ear to an important speaker.

FIRST THINGS FIRST. SGA V-P Cole Wildman voices her opinion on the matter.



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SPEAK UP. This audience participant gives his opinion to the panel.

SHOP TALK. Ceasar Hunt, Tammy Elkins and Tara Sheridan share their view.

F rom the Ground Up

ar and Away the Best Facility in the State

After years of planning, more than a year of construction, and considerable effort by educators and government officials alike, the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) was dedicated on September 7. With an impressive array of speakers including former Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., President Emeritus of the University of North Carolina, William C. Friday, as well as Western Carolina's Chancellor Myron Coulter, those in attendance were reminded of the long process leading up to the dedication ceremony.

The North Carolina Commission on Education and Economic Growth, created by

Hunt while still governor, set the objectives for the center as part of its effort to improve North Carolina's educational system. After the success of a pilot program steered by Western, the state Legislators voted to fund the building of the facility.

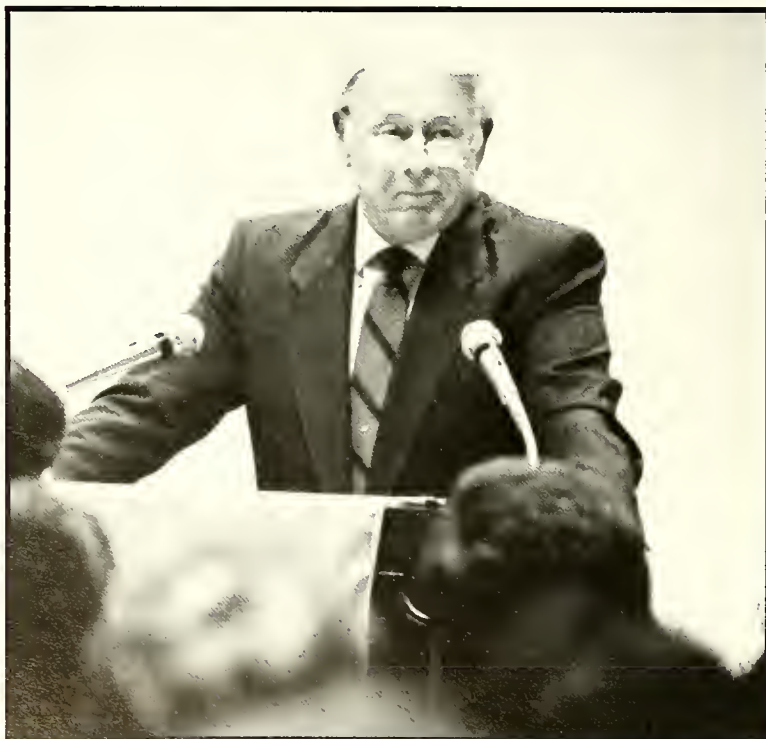
The \$7.3 million complex with its 44,000 sq. ft. of common area and two residence halls, all of which stand on a 36-acre campus, has met great success to date.

To show their appreciation, public school teachers from throughout North Carolina unfurled a map of the state as part of the dedication ceremony. The largest of its kind, the 40ft. by 16 ft. map was handstitched by NCCAT alumni. Imposed on the map, the alumni had sewn letters

that read "Thank You, Legislators!"

Pleased with the progress that NCCAT has made, the facility director outlined that the mission was and is to "reward the state's best public school teachers" in order to renew their energy to "stay in the classroom". That process would then help to produce a better and stronger educational system for North Carolina teachers. Comments from alumni of NCCAT programs gave testimony concerning the success of the program.

The center continues to facilitate programs year-round with a \$2 million budget controlled by its own board of trustees.

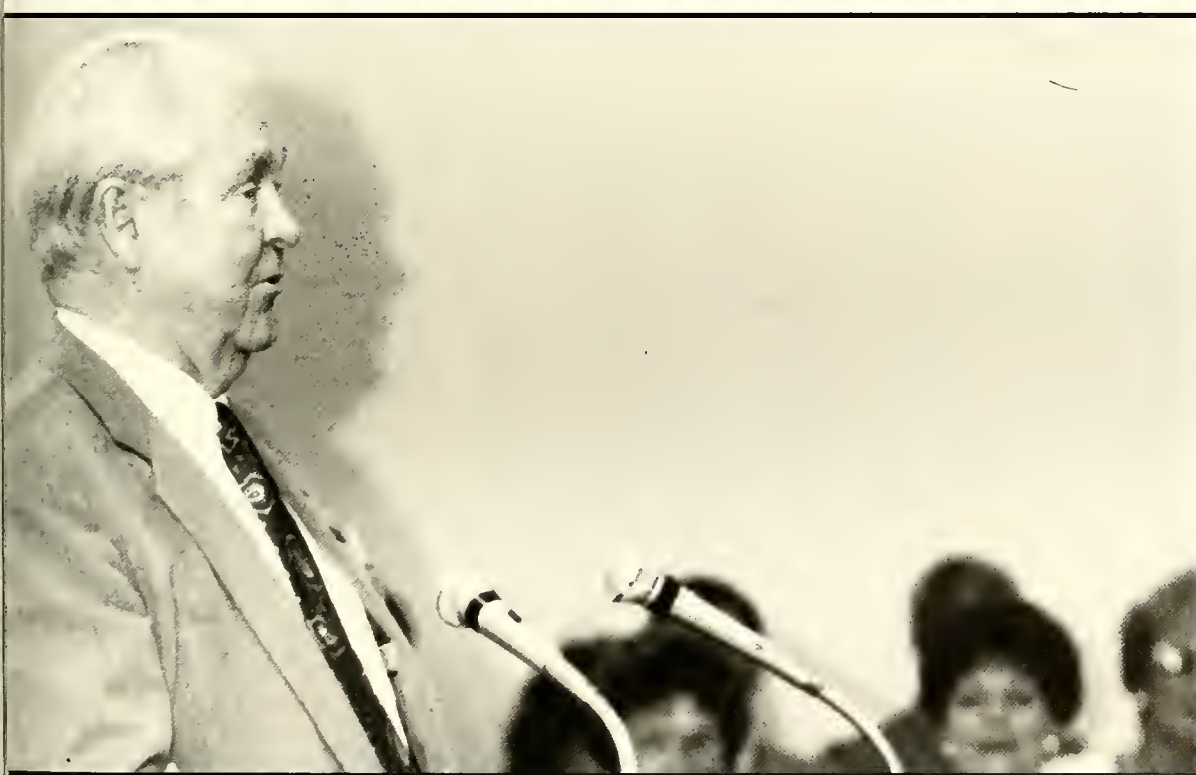


LEADING THE WAY. Chancellor Myron Coulter, a leading figure in education in the state, addresses those attending the dedication ceremony.

FOUNDING EXCELLENCE. Former Governor Jim Hunt, a key initiator of the project, explains key points of the program.

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TALKING TURKEY. Legislator Liston B. Ramsey (R. — Madison) lays the education problem and possible solutions on the line.

SPREADING OUT. NCCAT alumni display a product of their educational growth of the state of North Carolina.

When All Is Said And Done

Writing Series Is Restored

The Visiting Writers Series, after a year's absence, came back to Western for the 1991-92 school year. The series was designed to supplement the Western Carolina writing program as well as to stimulate the students and community interest in works of some of today's brightest contemporary authors. Kay Byer, series coordinator, as well as English department instructor and poet-in-residence, stated her enthusiasm about the program by saying, "We are glad that we are able to restore the Visiting Writers Series as an integral part of the writing program at Western."

The series got underway with Sylva novelist Sue Ellen Bridgers on October 1. She has won numerous writing awards including the New York Times "Outstanding Book of the Year" in 1976 for "Home Before Dark", the year that she graduated from Western with highest honors. She is also the author of four other young adult novels as well.

October 29 brought Puerto

Rican — born poet and fiction writer Judith Ortiz Cofer. Currently residing in Georgia with her family, Cofer is the author of "The Line of the Sun". It was the first original published at the University of Georgia Press, and was listed as one of the "25 Books to Remember" by the New York City Library in 1989. She also won the PEN American/Albrand Special Citation for "Silent Dancing", a collection of personal essays and poems. Her works have been published in numerous journals and magazines, and has also been anthologized. For her writing talents, she has also received numerous fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Witter Byner Foundation for Poetry and several others.

1984 Pulitzer Prize winner and poet, Mary Oliver, read from her selected poetry works on November 13. She won the prestigious award for her fifty poem collection, "American Primitive". Her poetry often explores

the themes of nature and our wishing to be a part of it. She was noted by Publishers Weekly for her clear and direct style of writing, and the New York Times said she, "... is her own poet, with a distinctive voice and vision".

To start off the spring semester, Southern novelist Lec Smith made a reading of some of her works on February 13. Currently teaching at North Carolina State University, Smith was the winner of the Robert Penn Award for fiction in 1991. She and Kay Byer have collaborated on several works including Smith's latest novel "Fair and Tender Ladies". Byer noted from a personal observation that "She (Smith) is funny, charming and a born storyteller". This truly Southern talent has won her numerous awards for her short fiction including two O'Henry awards.

To conclude the series for the year, poet Jeff Daniel Marion presented his works on April 7. Marion teaches at Carson-New-

man College, and has published three collections of poetry including his newest collection "Hello, Crow", which is due in the fall of 1992. He often does workshops on poetry and creative writing, and has had works published in several anthologies, journals and magazines. Noted for his clear, straight-forward lyrical style, Marion was the founder of both "The Small Farm" and the "Spartan Springs Press", which are poetry publications for writers from Southern Appalachians.

The efforts of Byer proved to be successful in bringing talented novelists, poets and fiction writers to the community. Byer added, "... it's important to have students and the community have this kind of personal contact with current writers." This type of exposure will help in attracting more talented writers for the series next year, hopefully, making it the most successful season for the series ever.

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— October 29, 1991
Mary Oliver
— November 13, 1991
Jeff Daniel Marion
— April 7, 1992



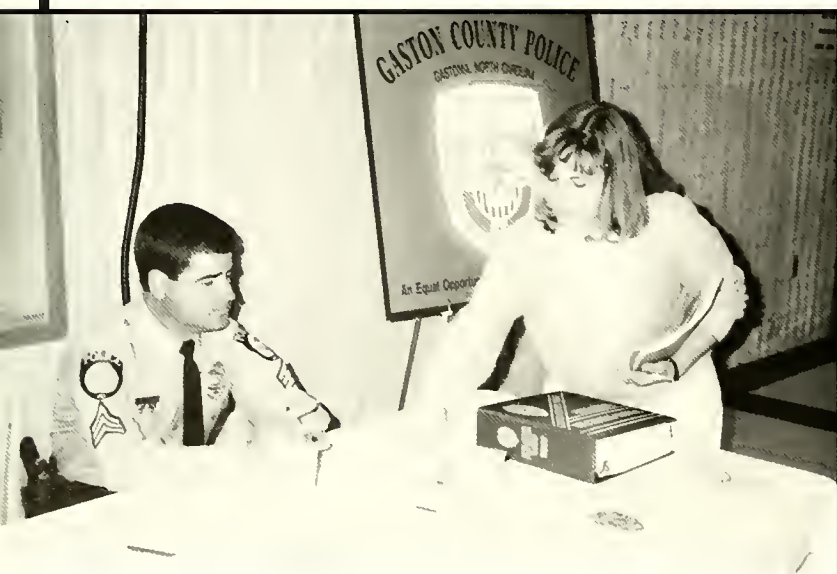
Lee Smith
— February 13,
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Sue Ellen Bridgers
— October 1, 1991

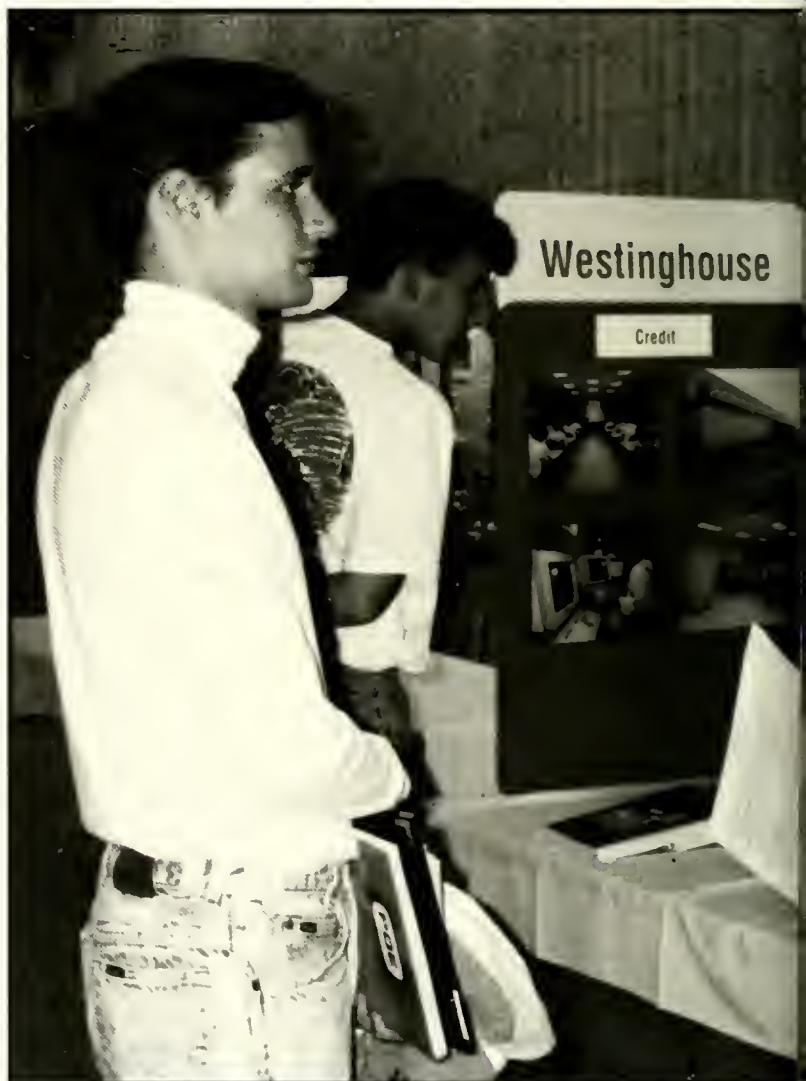
NEW POWER GENERATION. New sources of energy mean new sources of jobs.

SCOPING THE MARKET. These students inquire about various career options.



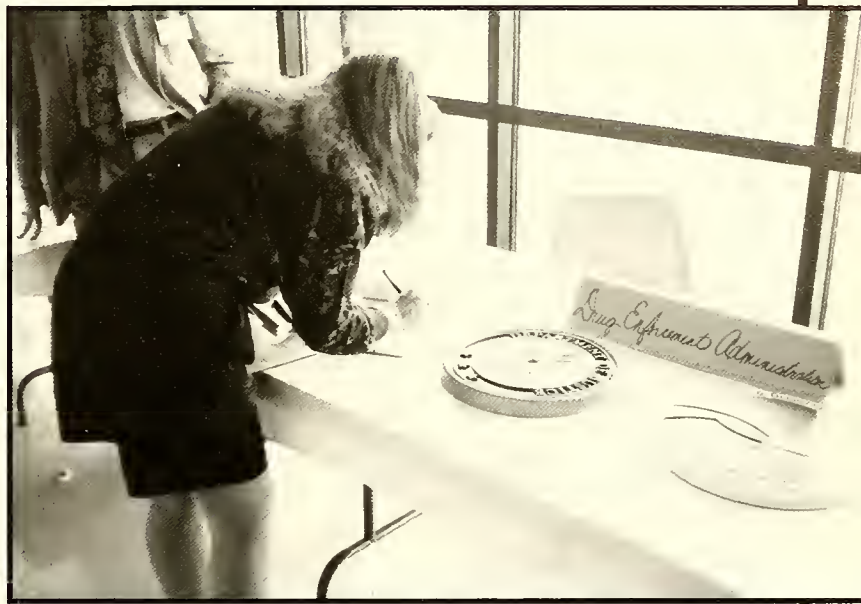
STICKY FINGERS. Students receive various pieces of information from prospective employers.

STRAIGHT TO THE TOP. Recruiters at Career Day seek out Western's best.





BUSTED! This prospective Drug Enforcement Administration Agent reviews the qualifications for a narcotics officer.



Nine-To-Five ever Ending Search For Success

The majority of college students have one thing on their mind once they graduate. With the books and course work behind them, the only thing between them and their goals is that sometimes elusive three-letter word — **JOB!**

As in past years, students at Western were once again reminded that career planning was something that cannot be put aside until the last minute. Career Day gave students an opportunity to see what the job market had to offer. With more than sixty organizations represented (including state and federal government agencies, law enforcement, retail sales representatives, as well as accounting and marketing firms),

there was something for everyone's interest.

Chaired by Susie Ray, the Career Day/Job Fair committee was pleased with the turnout. "It was good to see so many people dressed so nicely," she said. Ray explained that opportunities like Career Day really "helped juniors as they begin to look at what kind of jobs are out there and what employers are looking for."

Followed by the Job Fair, students who signed up were allowed to interview with the company of their choice. More than fifteen companies interviewed applicants. Because employers were aware of what Western graduates had to offer, they continue to interview on campus.

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Alpha Psi Omega — Speech and Theater

Andrea Beahm
Patricia Blevins
Allison Cameron
Laura Commarota
Glenda Dean
Darren Fulbright
Joanna Gilliam

Stephanie Goodell
Christine Gremillion
Susannah Hinshaw
Heather Lienau
Jennifer McNeill
Charity Moon
Donna Ocampo

Susan Pearce
Tara Sheridan
Karen Sovick
Teresa Wells
Connie Wishon

Omega Chi Upsilon — Housing

Gregory K. Bovino
Nathan Burton
Thomas L. Butler
Paula Carlton
John F. Fry
Branda G. Gallagher
Steve Hannah
Galiena Hardy
Lani Marie Hashimoto
Debbie Henderson
Andre Huie
Stacey Johnson

Stephanie Lowerance
Michael Martin
Eric Moser
John Mundy
Veronica Parker
Samuel Cal Reighley
Donna Smith
Richard Smith
Richard Starnes
Quinn Swink
Pauline Thompson

Pi Gamma Mu — Political Science

John Connet
Jacqueline Grant
Mary Hungerford
Randy Hunsucker

Steven Maners
Brian Martin
Mark Meeks
Shannon Skinner

Sigma Tau Delta — English

Michelle Baker
Maria Birchfield
Saundra Burrell
Paula Carlton
Kim Carringer
Laura Cathey
Carol Childs
Crystal Cody
Michael Cook
Kimberly DeHart

Faye Lori DeLay
Laverna Delozier
Kristen Gleason
Darren Griggs
Jennifer Hardy
Lyman Kiser
Kim Loflin
Donald Lorey
Lisa Majors
Kim Mann

Jennifer Lynn Mann
Lee Moss
Amber Riddle
Karl-Heinz Roseman
Nathan Salisbury
Shelley Sizemore
Tony Tallent
Sandy Teal
Diane Watkins
Jeff T. Williams

Epsilon Sigma Pi — Emergency Medical Care

Brian Alligood
Jeff Beinke
Bobby Carmon
Scottie Cheek
Walter Corbin
Dana Crump
Alan Davis
Sandy Dawes
Steve Decker
Marci Hamrick

Candance Harding
Ken Koch
Kevin Lane
Kimberly Linker
Polly M. Mitchell
Brian Raming
Joe Tulick
Claudia Weir

Phi Kappa Phi

Jennifer Alford
Delphia Birchfield
Gregory Bovino
David Bryson Jr.
Alyssa Carman
Willis Cato II
Laura Commarota
Sharon Cross
Linda Culpepper
Kimberly Dehart
William Ferguson
Christy Freunsch
Jacqueline Grant
Darrin Griggs
Steven Hager
Roger Hannah
Jeremy Hatfield
James Horton
Caryn Imbertson
Deborah Littlejohn
Kimberly Loflin
Terry Moreau
Joell Morris
Krystal Riddle
Eric Strum
Debra Thigpen

James Thomas
Pamela Ward
Connie Wishon
Zane Wright
Ernest Zapetis III
Schuyler Bristow
Elizabeth Ford
Molly Gaffney
Lesla Hayes
Laura Sawyer
Thomas Secore
Leslie Tignor III
Douglas Watson
Teresa Wayne
Angela Withers
Regina Ash
Cinger Baldwin
Elizabeth Barrow
Diane Bechner
Nathan Burton
Stephanie Cash
Donna Cochran
Barbara Colson
Janice Cowan
Tracey Crutchfield
Dana Deal

Richard Dellinger
Mary Edwards
Martha Frank
Denise Henry
Tara Lane
Cindy Matthews
Warren Meeker
Allen Messer
Pamela Moninghoff
Sandra O'Neal
Angela Owenhy
Gregory Owens
Lana Parker
Heather Phillips
Monica Schneider
Susan Sikes
Yvonne Sparks
Charla Stiles
Linda Sutton
Michelle Wagner
Tonia Ware
Anita West
Fran Whitmire
Ella Wright
Michael Young
Trudi Bowden

Steven Eller
Chloe Esmon
David Fox
Brenda Germain
Thomas Justice
James Lacey
Kimberly Martin
Kathryn Means
Irene Mueller
Phillip Summersgill
Kristen Whitaker
Douglas Whitehead
Dwayne Young
Elizabeth Agner
Ronald Allen
Michael Angel
Stephanie Bowsman
Jessica Flowers
Shirley Hemhree
Marna Holland
Linda McClure
Wanda Orr
Letecia Orrren
Suzanne Perry

MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH. Becky Frank is obviously one of the few students who actually likes the cafeteria food.

FEED THEM A LINE. As these students found out, improved service does not necessarily mean faster service.



Food For Thought

Final Exams Tackled With Full Stomachs and Relaxed Minds

If you asked any student about the quality of the food served in Dodson, more than likely, a typical response would be that it left much to be desired. But, during the night before the beginning of finals, during each semester, Cecil Ward and his staff throw in a twist. Midnight Breakfast — served by members of the faculty and administration.

From 9 p.m.-12 a.m., students lined up in the cafeteria to be dishd out eggs, bacon, toast,

sausage, pancakes and cereal by some of their favorite instructors. One student, Ashley Roder, commented about the annual event by saying, "I love it. It's a lot of fun — plus I was hungry." It was comical for the students, but the professors enjoyed it as well. Dale Pounds, the Dean of the School of Technology and Applied Science, who was dutifully serving his fifteenth year behind the counter, said, "It's a lot of fun interacting with the students in this manner.

It loosens them up for their finals."

Midnight Breakfast not only loosened minds, but also filled growling tummies. The break from studying refreshed and helped students get back on track for late-night cramming. Alisa Waerlop summed up the experience by saying, "I think this opportunity for the students and the professors to interact is great. It's a unique experience that I think is really enjoyed by all."



DISH THE DIRT. Dean Dale Pounds and a few of his colleagues' talents take on a new form in Dodson Cafeteria.

FULL HOUSE. It isn't hard to see that when it comes to a choice between food and studying, even Dodson rules over.

All photos by Johnny Wright

An Act of Faith

Actor Sean Bridgers Takes A Piece of the Pie

A typical twenty-three-year old college student goes to summer school or works a nine-to-five job while out on summer break, right? Not necessarily. Senior acting major Sean Bridgers is neither typical nor average, since he spends his summers making movies and going to auditions. This past summer, Sean worked on two movies — one which revolved around a true murder case and the other a popular horror movie sequel.

The television movie, "A Murder in New Hampshire" was based on a true story of a New Hampshire high school media coordinator arrested for the murder of her husband with the help of her student lover. Sean played Ralph Welch, who learned about the circumstances revolving

around the murder and ultimately led to the arrest of Pamela Smart. The CBS television movie was filmed in the Charlotte area and aired on September 24.

Sean also played one of a murderous cult of children who lived in cornfields in the horror movie sequel "Children of the Corn, Part 2". He laughingly recalled his role as "one of the evil corn kids". The filming took place in the Greensboro area and was scheduled to be released in the spring of 1992.

He auditioned for "Flesh 'N' Blood", a new NBC sitcom, and got second place out of 600 for a leading part. Although he had mixed feelings about this, he also read for a part for the "Young Indiana Jones" series on ABC during the spring semester and was hopeful about getting a part in the series, but he acknowledged the fact, "there's always tough competition in auditioning for acting roles."

Sean has proved to be a prime contender when it comes to winning acting roles such as the ones he played this last summer and he points to his training at Western as a factor to his success in landing

those jobs. Sean added, "I got them because I was ready for them," and "... I was ready for them because Western has a great theater department. I have received great training here."

Bridgers surely has received extensive training at Western, appearing in such productions as "Little Shop of Horrors", "When You Comin' Home, Red Ryder?" and "Lion in Winter", just to name a few. Sean finally got to play his favorite role of Hamlet in "Hamlet" and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead". The reason it was his favorite was because he felt that it is the most challenging role for a young male and "most actors don't get to play this role until their late twenties or early thirties." However, there might be one more reason why Hamlet is his favorite role. Kenneth Brannahan, who played in the 1991 thriller "Dead Again", played Hamlet in college, and has become one of Sean's major role models. Brannahan also played the title role in Shakespeare's "Henry V", another work Sean admires. Sean explained that the reason he looked up to Brannahan was because of the courage it took to play these roles at such an early

age — a feat that many have considered impossible.

If Sean had a choice, he would stay in theater because he feels that it is more challenging to entertain a live audience for two hours than to entertain a movie-going crowd in spurts. He also feels that it is more rewarding than film, but not monetarily. "It's unfortunate, but true, that theater doesn't pay well," Sean commented.

As for future plans, Sean plans to pursue more work in television and film as well as do more theater, but he says New York and Los Angeles are not in the near future. He is content staying in North Carolina, since most films today are made in North Carolina, but he is open to moving to Atlanta or Athens, Georgia.

When asked about a set goal for his career in acting, he said, "When it comes down to the bottom line, all I want is to make a living."

This atypical student certainly has a bright future ahead of him, but he still fits in with the typical college student of the 90's. He has that common goal in mind when it comes to career plans — **TO MAKE MONEY!**



GETTING ANSWERS. "This is no threat this is a promise!"



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PAY UP. Being late paying the bills doesn't mean that you don't have to pay the price!



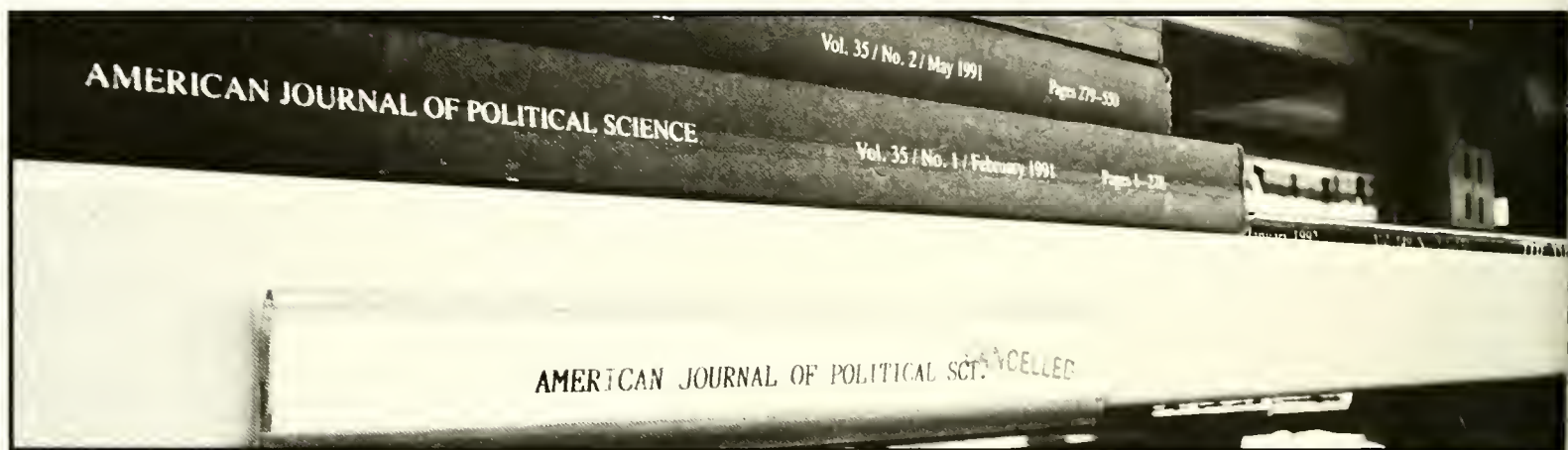
BITE THE BULLET. James Bond 007 (Sean Bridgers) makes the act of killing into an art.

LOOKING FOR ROSE. Hamlet defends his honor on another one of his adventures.

All other photos courtesy of Theater Department



DOWN TO THE WIRE. Students like these are having to wait until the last minute to type their papers since computer center hours have been cut.



Patrick McColgan

SILENCE OF THE LAMBS. This quiet classroom will soon be filled to capacity since professors have to teach less classes with more students.

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Cutting Corners

Classes Get Larger As Money Gets Tighter

The recession being felt all across the country hit Western with double the force because of the previous state budget deficit.

Western felt the crunch when the state cut over 2.6 million (\$2,644,139 to be precise) from the university's budget. Thanks to the North Carolina General Assembly's response to a very frustrating and unbalanced state budget, the cuts affected the university the way they did so many other state-funded programs.

What did the university do in response to the loss of this chunk of money? Well, for one thing, they cut over thirty faculty and staff positions. Many departments had to operate on a very tight budget, watching every penny spent. This was noticed by some students, such as junior Tommy Oakman, but its effects were kept to a minimum. Oakman said, "The only thing . . .", he had been cut was "the towel service that used to be provided at the gym."

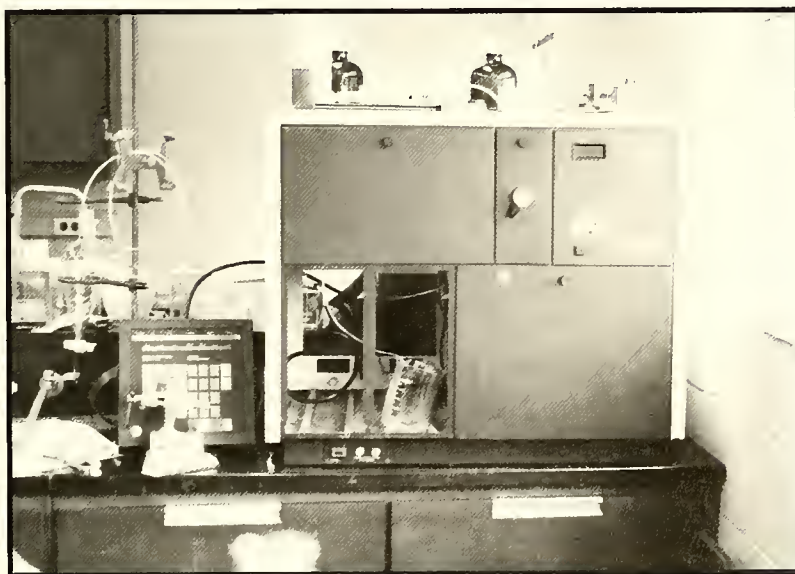
What was probably the most

noticeable effect was the elimination of many journals and publications at Hunter Library. Many popular magazines in the browsing area were sporting a CANCELLED stamp on the cover. As part of the budget cutting process, periodicals selected by various department heads were eliminated to further reduce expenditures. As for renewing the cancelled subscriptions next year, Hunter Library officials said, "We will just have to wait and see."

This is what everyone will have to do to see whether or not the state financial situation will improve. If more budget cuts are to be made, the effects are more likely to be felt. Although university officials said they made every attempt possible to ". . . shield the students from the effects of the cuts," they will have a tougher time doing this if further cuts are made.

Despite the university's attempts to shield students, they still felt the crunch in their

pocketbooks and wallets when it came time to pay the bills, especially for those who were paying their own way through school. Even those who were receiving financial aid had a more difficult time making ends meet. For those students, more nights and weekends were spent working to make extra money rather than partying or road-tripping with friends. Susan Sebring, a senior Therapeutic Recreation major from Clearwater, FL, knew how living on a tight budget felt. She had three jobs, including two on campus, and one in a Canton restaurant, on top of carrying a full load of classes. "It is really hard for me this year because of work. I want to make good grades, yet it nearly kills me to get any school work done, but I have no other choice. It is either this or leave school and work full-time. I can't do that at this point because I need to graduate and get a good job as soon as possible."



X MARKS THE SPOT. Just a friendly reminder where your tax dollars are not being spent.

MIX UP. Budget cuts allow for new types of chemistry experiments: one part recession plus one part depression equals no money.

n Plain English

n Pursuit of Insight and Knowledge

Many field trips, like those taken in grade school, have an educational purpose. However, in college they are more than a simple trip to the local zoo or government building. You may even have the opportunity to go on a trip to a place such as London, like a group of Teaching Fellows did over Christmas break.

Several members of the Teaching Fellows Program went to London and surrounding areas of England from December 27th to January 5th. The program promotes teaching in North Carolina by providing financial assistance to college students who plan to pursue a career in teaching. In return, these students must commit to teach four years in North Car-

olina.

The group spent a total of four days in London, and the rest visiting such sites as Windsor Castle, Stonehenge, Shakespeare's birthplace, and the group saw "Romeo and Juliet" at the Royal Shakespearean Theatre in Bath. The Fellows celebrated the coming of the New Year in the city of York, singing, drinking champagne, and teaching other hotel guests the "Electric Slide." York was a favorite city for the group, partly because it is a walled city, in which the English call "Bars." The most enjoyable part of their visit to the city was a night tour of several legendary murder sites.

While in London, the group visited many popular attractions

such as the London Bridge, the Parliament Building with the famous Big Ben clock, Piccadilly and Trafalgar Sq. Some of the group attended Sunday church services at Westminster Abbey. Unfortunately, no members of the royal family were spotted while there.

This trip was an experience the group will never forget. Teaching Fellow, Fara Bullman agreed. "It provided us an opportunity to learn about a foreign culture in person. The knowledge," she said, "will give us an edge in our careers because it will allow us to provide insight on these subjects that a textbook could not provide."



ALL DOES NOT FALL DOWN. Contrary to the nursery rhyme, London Bridge continues to attract many tourists, including the Teaching Fellows.

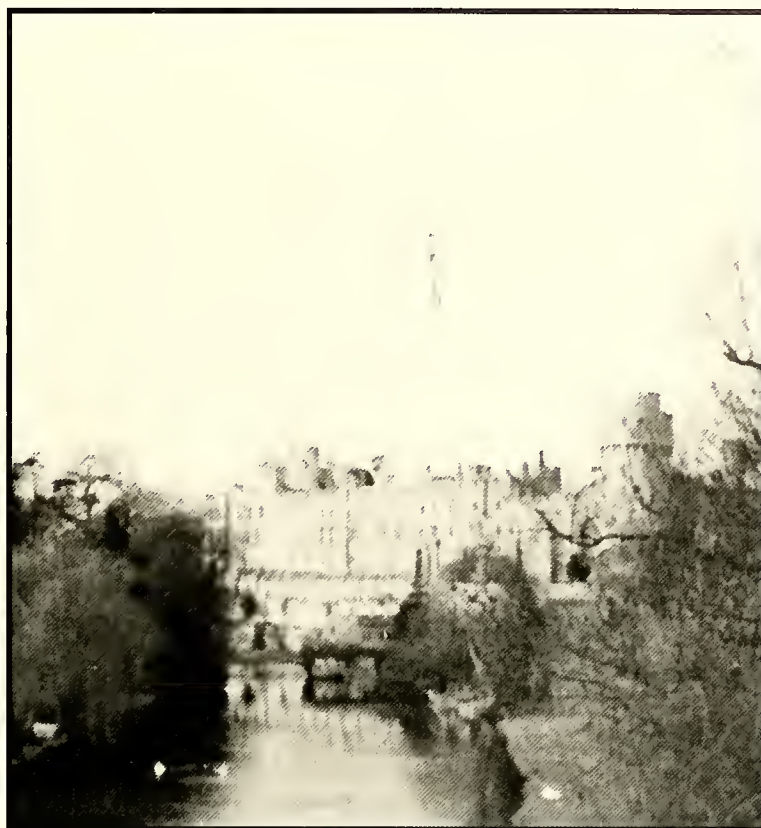
BEHIND CLOSED BARS. The touring students find that English homes like this one exemplify elegance and beauty.

All photos by Fara Bullman





LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED. Stonehenge proves that you really can move mountains (or stones) if you put your mind to it.



FIT FOR A KING. The Fellows discover a number of castles throughout England's countryside, symbolizing the nation's wealth and history.

IT'S HIGH TIME. Big Ben keeps Londoners and the Teaching Fellows on track from day to day.



PICNIC ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER. Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers extend a warm welcome to rushees during fall rush.

TAKE A HINT! This T-shirt states that no other fraternity can compare to the Delta Chi's, at least in their opinion.



THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE. Alpha Chi Omega sisters, Jill Fulkerson and Tara Sellers, give the sign known internationally.

All photos by Chad Bledsoe





Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta . . . why would anyone care to learn another alphabet? Especially a greek alphabet. Many asked that question, but only those who joined a fraternity or sorority probably sat down to contemplate and absorb it. Along with the many other unique opportunities offered by greek organizations, it was part of the challenge.

The days of "Animal House" were gone. While there were certainly still some vague parallels, those antics gave way to a fraternal life that had more to offer than the stereotypical movie conveyed. Men and women who chose to enter the greek system found themselves as a part of a unique heritage. Like those who came before them, greeks had a strong tradition of support and success on campus.

During the fall semester, many developments emerged and found their special place within the small society. Sigma Chi Alpha, a petitioning local fraternity, officially became Sigma Chi at 11:24 a.m. on November 16. The celebration included inductions, banquets and the mother of all parties with over one thousand in attendance. While one group came into the spotlight, another faded. What once was nine sororities became eight on December 6, as the Gamma Rho chapter of Sigma Kappa was notified that their charter was being revoked for the next seven years.

While greek life involved and offered many opportunities for fun such as mixers, mud volleyball and being kidnapped by the Lambda Chi's, a sense of loyalty to help those less fortunate was deeply embedded in the hearts of the chapters. Service projects ranged from adopting highways, as well as needy elderly and children, to having can-shakes and the Zeta Fashion Show to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research.

The new pledges inducted into the fraternal way of life had a lot to work for and a lot to look forward to. Study hours, new friends, loyalties, pledge tests, parties and helping others. Every pledge or associate class was informed ahead of time that it wasn't a piece of cake, it was going to be tough. But they, as all of the pledge classes that came before them, knew that what was waiting for them in the end was definitely . . .

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Challenge!

Alpha Chi Omega

The Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Chi Omega bases its membership upon the individuality of the sisters and pledges. The chapter is very diverse and strives to be involved, well-rounded and successful in all that they endeavor.

Fall rush was extremely successful and after a week of open houses, a CATS skit and theme parties, the chapter welcomed 17 new girls (quota) to the fraternity.

Individual members served in various leadership positions during the academic year. Cole Wildman served as Student Body Vice-President, Janice Sokowski was president of Western Gold and Andrea Oakes served as the Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook. Jill Fulkerson was a German Apprentice Teacher and both Susan Poole and Ronni McKinney were Resident Assistants.

During the year, the chapter participated in many fund-raising campaigns. A can-shake that netted \$800 was held for Easter Seals and another one which netted

\$500 was for Muscular Dystrophy. Also, the sorority produced their annual "Men of WCU" calendar and donated the profits to REACH and the United Christian Children's Fund.

Alpha Chi Omega adopted three new service projects to add to their list during the spring semester. The first, "Adopt-a-Grandparent", the second an "Easter Egg Hunt" for the children of Camp Lab and finally the "Camp Lab Afternoon Program" where the sisters and pledges spend one afternoon every week with Camp Lab students.

All of this, and good grades too, enabled the sorority to make a bid for, and receive, the 1991-92 "Sorority of the Year" award.



Mary Beauchamp and Hope Lawrie celebrate meeting quota on Bid Day during Fall Rush 1991.



Patrick McColgan

The Fall 1991 pledges perform a skit for the student body at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Katherine Frawley and Alisa Waerlop readily anticipate the beginning of the 1991 Founder's Day date party.

Rachel Marcus, Pam Landon, Jennifer Foy and Melissa Rogers get together before a formal date party.



Alpha
Chi's



Annie Joines and her Delta Zeta pledge sisters enjoy some "one-on-one" time on their way to a pep rally. Pledges rarely had time to really get to talk during their pledgship.

Patrick McColgan



Melissa Wilhoit does an outstanding job in assisting a sister towards her "rite of passage" during Greek Games. Greek organizations continued many of their long-standing traditions, including beer bonging, but with a new sense of responsibility towards the use of alcohol. By the end of September, every chapter had a "Designated Drive" program implemented and in effect.

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The Alpha Xi Delta Fall 1991 pledge class is having a blast performing in a Homecoming skit.

These sisters are ready for the rushees during the "Greek Goddesses" night during the 1992 Spring Rush.

Patrick McColgan



Jay Small

As this Alpha Xi demonstrates, there is not better time to chug beer from a baby bottle than during Greek Games.



Myra Brown, Jennifer Castain, Jennifer Davis and April Hill at the annual Officer Training Workshop in Atlanta.

Alpha Xi's



Alpha Xi Delta

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Theresa Graham and three other Sigma Kappa sisters enjoy their Homecoming party. Due to allegations of hazing and the unfortunate penalty of revocation of the charter by the National Council, this would be the last "Homecoming Hoe-down" enjoyed by members for at least the next seven years.



Mia Hatley

Matt Garrett and his date, Anne Ross, take time out from the dance floor to talk, enjoy a drink and rest. Greek organizations frequently held formal parties with dinner and dancing away from campus.

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Delta Zeta

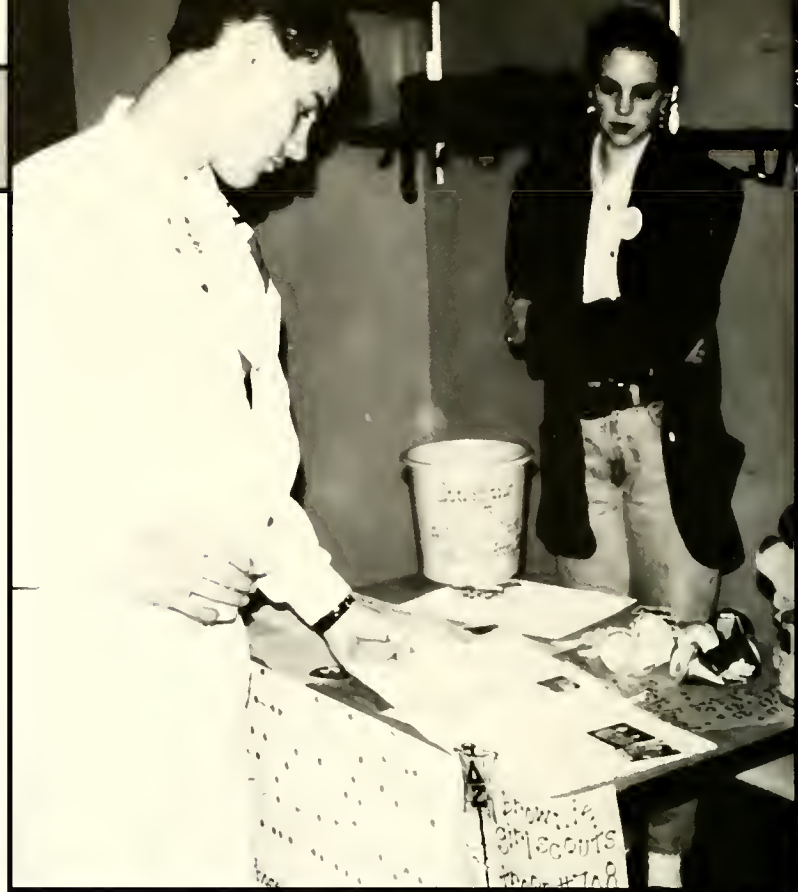
Delta Zeta was involved in various activities during the academic year. The campus activities included three Student Government senators — Tricia Blevins, Kim Peele and Maggie McKinney. Tricia Blevins was selected as a Chancellor's Ambassador and Bonnie Jones was inducted into Mortar Board. Two sisters, Kristen Markham and Bonnie Jones, were a part of the Homecoming Court.

The Theta Iota chapter stayed busy outside of individual social activities including sponsoring an Eating Disorders program, the Blood Drive, Walk America and Intramurals. Service activities for the year included Home Health

Care, working the voting polls, sponsoring a brownie troop, visiting the Jackson County Animal Shelter and participating in the REACH house clean-up.

Services within the sorority were numerous and varied from a Delta Zeta Founder's Day Banquet and Alumni Tea for homecoming to tailgating for Parent's Day and holding a picnic for parents during Mountain Heritage Day. Also, the sisters and pledges were taught sign language in honor of their philanthropy — speech and hearing.

Tricia Blevins was named "Greek Woman of the Year" at the end of the spring semester for the 1991-92 academic year.



Patrick McColgan

Annie Joines runs the Delta Zeta philanthropy booth in the cafeteria during Greek Week 1992.

The sisters of the Theta Iota chapter of Delta Zeta gather before their annual end of the year Awards Banquet.

Tricia Blevins, Kristin Markham and Julie Anne Guttery are excited about giving out bids on Fall 1991 Bid Day.



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Sigma Kappa's

Beth Krautter and Susan Taylor congratulate one another on surviving the week of rush.



Anita Wright, Jennifer Jensen and their "dates" are kicking up their heels and having a good 'old time during the annual "Homecoming Hoedown."

All of the sisters gather for a quick picture before greeting their new pledges on bid day.

The girls on the hall cram together before going out on a warm Friday night.



Founded on individuality and long-lasting friendship, the sisterhood of Sigma Kappa was put to the test one week prior to the end of classes during the fall semester.

After being notified on November 16 that the chapter was being investigated by the national headquarters on allegations of hazing, the news that the charter was being revoked on December 6 came as an even bigger shock to the entire Greek community.

The hazing incident in question occurred as follows: all of the sisters and pledges gathered in the study of the hall. Each pledge was given an unlit candle and asked a question concerning the history of

the sorority. If the first pledge answered the question correctly her candle would be lit and the next pledge would be questioned. If the second pledge answered incorrectly, the first pledge's candle would be blown out. The goal was to keep all of the candles lit.

This ceremony is considered harassment hazing, an infraction for which five penalties are listed in the Sigma Kappa National Handbook, one of which include the loss of the chapter's charter.

The charter was withdrawn for a minimum of four years. If in seven years, the sorority has not recolonized, there will never be a chapter of Sigma Kappa at Western Carolina ever again.



Sigma Kappa

Candid

Katherine Frawley and Janice Sokowski celebrate at the party held for the sisters and pledges of Alpha Chi Omega for being selected "Sorority of the Year." This was an honor that all of the chapters worked hard towards and included judging in many areas such as scholastics, community service, rush and intramurals.



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Carey Crowley and several of her Alpha Xi Delta sisters take a very quick break from rush activities to gather together for the camera. Rush was a week packed full with parties and the preparations for a new pledge class.

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Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha was founded as a women's fraternity in Farmville, Virginia, in 1898. Since then over 220 chapters have been chartered at colleges and universities in both the U.S. and Canada. This makes Zeta Tau Alpha the third largest women's organization in the U.S. Zeta Tau Alpha is the chosen sisterhood of over 150,000 young women.

The Zeta Iota chapter on campus celebrated its 25th anniversary in October of 1991. Known for their community and philanthropic service work, this past year was an enriching one to the sisterhood.

Many of Zeta's campus activities for the year included winning the Lambda Chi Alpha raft race, holding a lemonade stand at the Mountain Heritage Day (to support our philanthropy, the Association for Retarded Citizens), participating in an active recycling program using the facilities provided by Tau Kappa Epsilon, participating in the Red Cross Blood Drives, assisting in the Tuckaseegee River clean-up and holding the annual Fashion Show to support the Koman Foundation for the research of breast cancer.

Zeta Tau Alpha serviced the community of Jackson County by obtaining an Adopt-a-Highway permit, donating clothing and

goods to the battered women's shelter, caring for the animals at the Jackson Co. Humane Society, participating in dry foods drives and visiting retirement homes.

Activities within the chapter included standards programs on hazing, AIDS, date rape, alcohol and eating disorders. Other great activities the sisters and pledges enjoyed included pledge retreats, scholarship programs, Parent's Day activities, do-nut and raffle sales, alumnae events, sister socials and, of course, mixers, date parties and an annual formal dance.



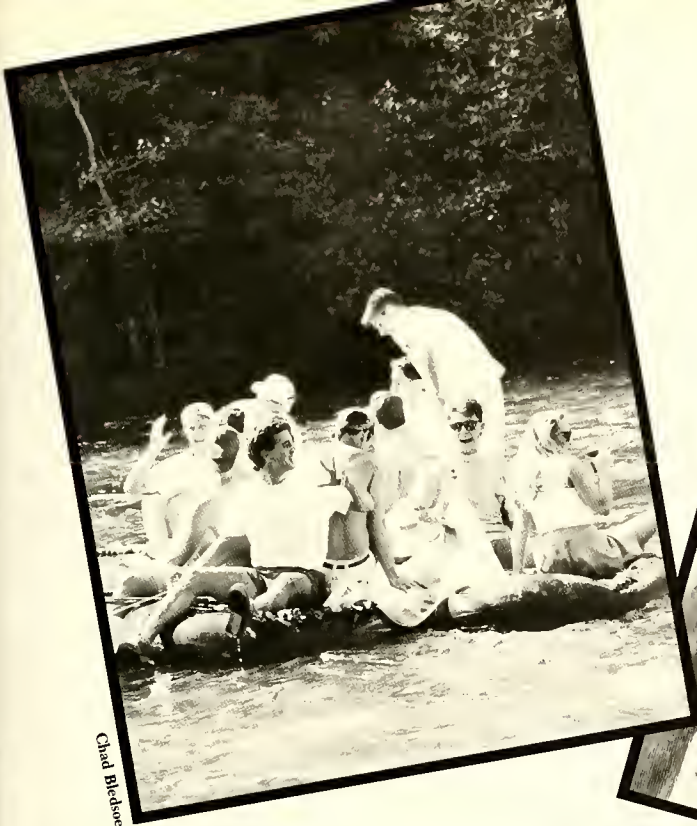
Several sisters and pledges join together in downtown Sylva to support the troops returning from Desert Storm.

The members of the Theta Iota chapter get together for a picture before an open house during formal fall rush.

Pledges belonging to the Beta Omega pledge class bond and enjoy the moments of their annual pledge retreat.



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At Long Last

Legacy Dream Becomes Reality

At 11:24 a.m., November 16, 1991, the Sigma Chi Alpha fraternity obtained its national charter from Sigma Chi. The previous brothers of Sigma Chi Alpha became members of the Kappa Gamma chapter of Sigma Chi, becoming the 220th active chapter.

One week before the installation, the sixty-three brothers became pledges of Sigma Chi. This indoctrination week taught the brothers the ideas of the Sigma Chi fraternity and prepared them for the Friday night initiation. The next Saturday, the chapter was born with faculty advisor, Dr. William Perry. Other chapters of Sigma Chi from surround-

ing schools assisted in the initiation. The ceremonies were held at the Waynesville Country Club. The banquet ended with the Sigma Chi's serenading Angela Breese, the local sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

Jesse Webb III began the chapter of Sigma Chi Alpha in the fall of 1986. Even though it wasn't a nationally recognized chapter, the school required that it acted like one.

After the banquet was over, 2500 people celebrated the new charter at the Sigma Chi house. Mike Mittelman, a new brother, called the celebration the "mother of all parties!"



GETTING LIT! Sigma Chi's celebrate after receiving their charter.

STRUMMING! This Sigma Chi tries to share the joy of music.





FEELING GOOD! With a woman on each arm, this guy smiles big for the camera-man.

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD! A Sigma Chi founding brother heralds the long awaited charter before the crowd.

SING IT LOUD! Sigma Chi brothers belt it out to sorority girls to commemorate getting the charter and to say thanks.



All photos by Patrick McColgan



Chartering

Fun and Games

Greeks Enjoy Olympic Events Southern Style

During the winter the Olympics stormed into Albertville, and with them came Western's own, Hillbilly style! The Kappa Alpha Order wanted to create a new style of fundraising. Recreating ideas from the KA fraternity at Duke University, the Hillbilly Olympics at Western were generated.

The event was established to aid the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The KA's were able to contribute \$200 to this philanthropy with the money earned from the day's activities.

All of the sororities took part in the Southern Gentlemen's re-creation of a set of games that originally took place on Mt. Olympus. The events these girls attempted to master were the tractor pull, the monster truck, the obstacle course, the hay bale relay, the seed bag throw, and of course, the sack race. For those who did not participate, there was plenty to watch. Approximately one hundred-fifty came out to laugh at their sisters and friends.

Not only were the Hillbilly Olympics a success on campus,

but the games also gained great support from businesses in the community. The KA's were sponsored by Jack the Dipper, Sidz, Coca-Cola, Southwestern Printing, Subway, Smokey Mountain Video, Bear Prints and Pizza Hut.

Mark Carroll, chairman for the Hillbilly Olympics, said, "Overall, I believe the event was very successful." He also stated, "Although we served our purpose, next year we will be able to raise more money because we will know more about it and we expect an even better turnout."



SNAKE IN THE GRASS. This willing participant of the Olympic Games proves that good sportsmanship is necessary.

STUCK IN THE MUD. Who said the Hillbilly Olympics is just good, clean fun?

All photos courtesy of Rob Hutchinson





PULLING STRINGS! These Phi Mu's do their best to rope their opponents through the mud pit.

RIGHT OFF THE BAT! Getting dizzy is just a part of the fun at the zany and crazy greek event.



GETTING CARRIED AWAY. With the strength of Superwoman, Alpha Chi Omega sister Cole Wildman puts forth a supreme effort in the hay relay.

Hillbilly Olympics

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Stuck-In-The-Mud

Ronald's House Receives Dirty Money

What can happen when you have tons of mud and a volleyball? Lots of fun, Sig-Ep style!

On Saturday, September 21, ninety-three teams of men and women gathered to compete in the fourth annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Mud Volleyball Tournament.

Twenty-five hundred spectators looked on as seven hundred people competed for first and second place in both men and women's divisions. Winning first place in the men's division was Pi

Lambda Phi fraternity. In the women's division the Phi Mu pledges claimed a muddy victory.

WCU student, Sally Bateman was heard saying, "The game was a blast, but after it was all over, we couldn't even get into the bathrooms because of the filth. The showers, sinks, and stalls were covered in mud. It looked like a mud pipe had exploded in there!"

The charitable event raised \$772.00 which was donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Greenville, South Carolina.



WHERE IS IT? The girls await patiently as someone retrieves this misguided ball.

LET'S SEE. An onlooker explains carefully why he decided to stay clean for the day's event.

HERE GOES! Good form and aim help to win another point as the team goes on to victory.





"OH SHUCKS!," Junior Cole Wildman looks disgusted at her filthy shirt.

CONCENTRATION! It takes more than just a body to successfully hit a muddy ball.



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SPRAYED! There is nothing like a good hose down after a tough day in the mud.

GOING DOWN! Mud splatters everywhere as players struggle to get the ball.

Mud Volleyball

Lambda Chi Alpha

Roll With the Current

Party Time . . . Come Hell or High Water

The fifth annual Lambda Chi Alpha raft race, co-sponsored by Phi Mu, was held Friday, September 20, 1991 on the Tuckaseegee River. Both greek and independent teams competed for first place prizes and the best raft design award. The two-and-a-half mile race began at East LaPorte and ended at the Lambda Chi Alpha dock. Winners were Theta Xi fraternity and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Best raft design went to

Lambda Chi Alpha. The race, which is an annual charitable event, raised funds in support of REACH of Jackson County. "I think this year was one of the best so far," said participant Jason Viska, a Lambda Chi Alpha. "Everyone seemed to have lots of fun and sun. It was good to see so many independents participate in a greek charitable event. Along with the party that night, I think everyone had a great time."



WHICH WAY? These girls can't seem to figure out what to do or who to ask.

STAY COOL! Lambda Chi raftsmen relax as they float down the Tuckaseegee.

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BEER BONG! These girls know what it takes to get ready for the big event.

GO REBELS! KA's head down the river in hopes of being the first to cross the finish line.

TUBING! The Sigma Kappa women try their luck in the water as they take part in the race.



GET READY! Some Lambda Chi's set up their raft and fill the coolers in anticipation of the big race.

OH YEAH! Full speed ahead as these girls start to approach the rapids.

Raft Race

It's A Greek Thing Having Fun Benefits All

Once a year, the Greeks come together to celebrate the common bond they all share, with competition, charity work and parties. They call it Greek Week and that is exactly what it is. Fraternities and sororities compete throughout the week in different events in an attempt to accumulate points so that they can be named Greek Week Champions.

Beginning the week of March 16-21, was the talent competition, which showcased musical acts like Delta Zeta Kristin Markham and the TKE band. The Tekes took home first place in the fraternity division, while the Phi Mu women won the sorority division.

It was off to the races the next day when the chariot races took

place. The Pikes and Zeta Tau Alpha showed their thoroughbred abilities by winning this popular event. Wednesday night was an evening of variety as the Greeks took the stage to entertain. Kappa Alpha and Phi Mu got the gold in this event to give them the first place points to use toward their weeks total.

However, the week was not all "fun and games," as both fraternities and sororities set up booths to show their efforts to help local and national philanthropies. They also participated in a Walk-A-Thon to provide a unified effort towards a charity.

Friday found the Greeks back to the games as the pie-eating contest took place on the UC lawn.

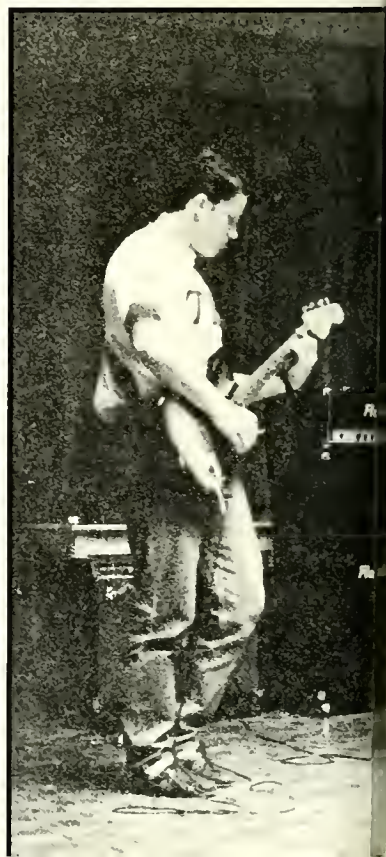
The Sig Eps and Delta Zeta's used both speed and finesse as they were the first ones to pull their heads out of an empty pie shell. The competition neared the finish Saturday as the Theta Xi's hosted the Greek Games. The games consisted of events like the keg toss, beer chug, pyramid building and the tug-of-war finale. These events provided the Greeks one final opportunity to earn the points used in determining the overall champion. The suspense built as the party moved to the Pike house for a Greek throw down. The results were tabulated and announced during the party giving Kappa Alpha and Phi Mu the overall Greek Week Championship.



Patrick McColgan

TAKE FIVE. These Alpha Chi Omega pledges beat the rap as they please the crowd during Variety Night.

Patrick McColgan





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EATING HUMBLE PIE. This Delta Zeta appears to have really enjoyed participating in the pie-eating contest.

EXPLAINING. April Myers tries to explain the philanthropies of Zeta Tau Alpha to a curious observer.



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PLAY IT AGAIN SAM! Lead singer Mitch Edwards and the rest of the TKE band perform a crowd-pleaser.



SUCK IT BABY! A Pi Lam momentarily regresses back to the days of bottle feeding — only with beer instead of formula.

Week

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CALL TO ORDER. Matt Kern, the chairman of the games, gets ready to announce and explain the next event.

GOOD TIME, GOOD PLACE . . . to make new friends. Amy Moore and Jack Truett spend quality time together.

ALL HANDS ON DECK. The Greek Week committee gathers on the Theta Xi deck to get things organized.





FALL LIKE AN EGYPTIAN. The Pi Kappa Phi pyramid-building team seems to need a little bit more practice.

PUT A LID ON IT! Pi Kapp Doug McFadden goes for the gold and tries to beat out the competition in the beer cap toss.



BOUND AND DETERMINED. A Kappa Alpha brother busts his butt, literally, to get around the bat.



THROWING CAUTION TO THE WIND. One really has to think twice before tossing this prized possession away.

All photos by Jay Small

Games

Rushing

In A Mad Rush Record Number Feel the Greek Fever

Western Carolina's fall semester started out in a rush — literally! Over one-hundred Catamount women participated in sorority rush during the first week of the 1991-92 school year. Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa, and Zeta Tau Alpha spent the week throwing first-rate parties with themes such as Alpha Chi Omega's CATS and Delta Zeta's Roaring Twenties.

"I love Rush — it's a very exciting part of the year," said Alpha Xi Delta Kristy Munson. "We always enjoy meeting the rushees and sharing a part of our sisterhood."

Sigma Kappa and Phi Mu livened up the week with skit parties entitled **HARD ROCK** and **HEE HAW**. Overall, Rush week was enjoyed by everyone as was

summed up by Zeta Tau Alpha Chloe Esmon: "As far as numbers go, I think that all the sororities did well, and I was really glad to see a panhellenic attitude displayed by all the groups involved."

Rush was exciting but the fun was only beginning. After Bid Day, rushees began a new adventure-pledging! Being a pledge requires a lot of hard work and dedication. There are new friends to make, lots of facts to learn and multitudes of activities. Some of the events involved with pledging are fund raisers, mixers, date parties and special ceremonies. An important part of a new pledges' experience is the Big Sister-Little Sister bond. Delta Zeta Natasha Myers shared these thoughts about her Big Sister, Allison Rushing: "Having a Big

Sister is like having one of your family members at school-like a sister away from home. She helped me understand about sorority life."

Overall, one of the best experiences in pledging is the making of new friends and learning to be a part of a group. Every pledge learns to give all that she can in order to become the best sister she can be. Alpha Chi Omega pledge Michelle Wilson summed up the pledging experience with these words: "Pledging was a positive experience for me because I met fifteen new friends that I wouldn't have had if I had not gone through Rush and decided to pledge. It's been a lot of giving and taking on the part of everyone involved, but overall it's been a wonderful experience."



Chad Bledsoe

LISTEN TO REASON. These rushes pay close attention to the information being given about pledging.

MAKING FRIENDS! These excited, new Phi Mu Pledges show off their already forming bond for everyone to see.

SISTER CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? The Delta Zeta sisters take a quick break while preparing for their "Roaring Twenties" party.



DRESSED TO IMPRESS! Alpha Chi Omega sisters Heather Boylston, Andrea Oakes, Ronni McKinney and Alisa Waerlop put on their best for preference.



Chad Bledsoe

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER. The Delta Chi brothers enjoy the hard work, as well as fellowship, of fall rush.

Pledging



These Alpha Chi's and Pi Kapp's boogey down at their 1970's-inspired "Disco Fever" mixer held in the spring.



Chad Bledsoe

These three Delta Chi brothers enjoy their "1960's/Woodstock Revisited" mixer, a popular theme used by many groups.

A "hoedown" gives these Greek organization members the chance to become better acquainted.

Mixers



Mixers

Formals



Tammy Snider, Jennifer Foy, Debbie Scoggins and Kerri Long are dressed and ready to celebrate their founder's day.

Formals



Members and pledges of Zeta Tau Alpha take a break from the festivities of their "Crown Ball" to get a group photo.



Theresa Graham cuts up with some of the sisters and new pledges on bid day.



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James Busick and Wendy Hybarger converse with a friend during a party.



This Delta Chi relieves the stress of service work, studying and chapter activity by just letting go and hangin' loose!



The Pi Kappa Alpha brothers, along with some of their little sisters, socialize on top of the fire truck at a Greek function.



Patrick McColgan

These Greek members enjoy spending party time together.

It appears as if this Pike greatly enjoyed the pie-eating contest.

Socializing, working, laughing and having fun are important aspects of Greek organizations. These two Delta Sig's ham it up at an open mike.



Patrick McColgan

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Tammy Snider and Dana Leonard take their "little sisters" skating during one of their many outings. Service to the community is an important part of Greek membership.

Dave Morgan expresses his feelings about his chapter at the Greek Games. Kappa Alpha went on to win the entire Greek Week competition.



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What beats sleeping in on a Saturday morning? The Sigma Nu chapter knows that it's hanging out on the lawn with friends and taking it easy.

Most Greek organizations have more than one philanthropy. Zeta serves lemonade for ARC at the fall Mtn. Heritage Day and holds a benefit fashion show for breast cancer research in the spring.



Greek

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Mia Hatley

Friendships made during college last a lifetime, as do the bonds formed between members of the Greek society.



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Sabrina Davis, Michael Jones and a friend "bond" at a party. The friendship between members of fraternities and sororities could be as strong as those between sisters or brothers.

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Greek



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Alpha Xi Delta Heather Lieneau and a Pike friend try a real balancing act on the rolltop of a jeep during Greek Games. Greek members learn early in the pledging period that you have to work to balance school work, service time and playtime.

The Pi Kappa Alpha mascot guards his territory, the infamous Pike firetruck.

Alpha Chi Omega Big sister/little sister duo of Shannon Myers and Christina Smellegar enjoy a few quiet moments together. Big sisters were there to guide, assist and listen to their little sisters.





Zeta Tau Alpha members gather for yet another group picture during a regional conference in Hickory.

Two Pi Kappa Phi brothers get close to work together as one in the three-legged race.

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Mia Hatley

Dancing partners John McBurney, Joe Cleary, John Fries and Jay Peters really enjoy themselves at a Lambda Chi Date party.

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A Lambda Chi and friend enjoy getting to know one another during a formal party.

The activity of tailgating is popular with these, and all other Greek members.



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Members of Theta Xi take a study break for a quick game on the volleyball court.



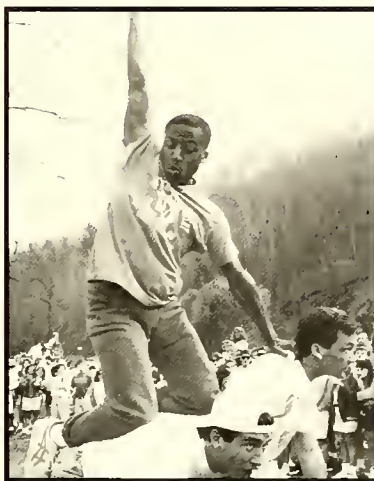
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The homecoming parade gave Greek organizations an opportunity to exhibit their creative talents and compete for awards.

Tony Kee, of Sigma Chi, tries to insure that his team wins the pyramid competition.



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The Tuckaseegee River provides many heat-exhausted students with cool water for their bodies and their beer during early fall.



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Some people might say that being Greek is a socially uplifting experience.



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A Pi Kappa Alpha spends time with his little brother during a tailgating party.

Many fraternities have little sisters that they count on to help with rush, homecoming and other activities.



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Kappa Alpha

The year proved to be one of the most positive in the history of the Delta Alpha chapter. Although the chapter was small in numbers, they made great strides in different areas of achievement with both the university and the community at large.

Many members were active in school clubs and contributed greatly to the advancement of the university. Student Government was a favorite extracurricular and included brothers in many different positions. Among those, John Connet served as SGA President, Doug Koehler was chief justice of the traffic court and Lyman Kiser, Chris Dillow, Rob Hutchinson, Mark Ludwig and Mark Carroll served as senators.

Academic achievement was a priority of the brotherhood and the members proved themselves

strong in this area as well. During the fall semester, the pledge class had the highest GPA and the combined grades of the brothers and the pledges earned them first place in the scholarship competition. John Connet, Lyman Kiser and Tom Secore were named to the list of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Also, John Connet was awarded both the "Stillion Outstanding Male of the Year" and the "Greek Male of the Year" awards.

Improvement in fund-raising was a goal that was met with great success. The first annual Hillbilly Olympics raised over \$500 for the Kappa Alpha national philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association. To add more money to that already donated to MDA, the chapter held their annual softball marathon which netted over \$1000. During the spring the Delta Alpha chapter assisted the Big Cat club with two auctions, one in Maggie Valley and the other in Charlotte.

Excellence in all areas of development paid off for the chapter. The hard work, dedication and perseverance of the brotherhood earned members of Kappa Alpha the "Fraternity of the Year" award at the annual Order of Omega spring banquet.



Chad Bledsoe

Lyman Kiser and his "date" dance at the first annual Kappa Alpha Hillbilly Olympics held during the fall.



The brothers and little sisters of Delta Alpha get together in front of their billboard during Spring rush.

The KA raft takes off from East Laporte during the annual raft race held at the beginning of each school year.

KA's

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Sigma Chi brothers raise the roof off of the M/E Auditorium as they perform a dance routine during the talent show.

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Two Kappa Alpha Psi brothers discuss plans for an upcoming service project.

This Lambda Chi brother fixes dinner in his room at the fraternity house. Learning to live in the house takes patience and study hours spent in the library instead of the room.





Mia Hatley

Matt Boehlke, Donnie Williams, Nicole Broadway and Tim Martin take a break from partying to say "cheese".

Tommy Laughter, Andy Gibson and Jon Kay get prepared to play in the first annual "Bushwood Classic Golf Day".



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This group of rafters try to keep balanced during the Lambda Chi raft race on the Tuckaseegee river.



Dave Richards shows his fraternal pride to all during a party at the Lambda Chi Alpha house.

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Two fraternity boys clown around on the phone by Eckerd's in Sylva.



Members of Pi Kappa Phi and their dates get together during weekend in Maggie Valley, NC.

Leroy Owens and J.K. Reaves enjoy the weekend getaway at a Bikini Contest/pool party at ASU.



Mia Hatle



Candida

Pi Kappa Alpha



A group of Pikes enjoy the warm weather as they pole their way down the Tuckaseegee during the Raft Race.

The brothers and little sisters of Pi Kappa Alpha gather in full force to yell for cash prizes at Catamount Week.



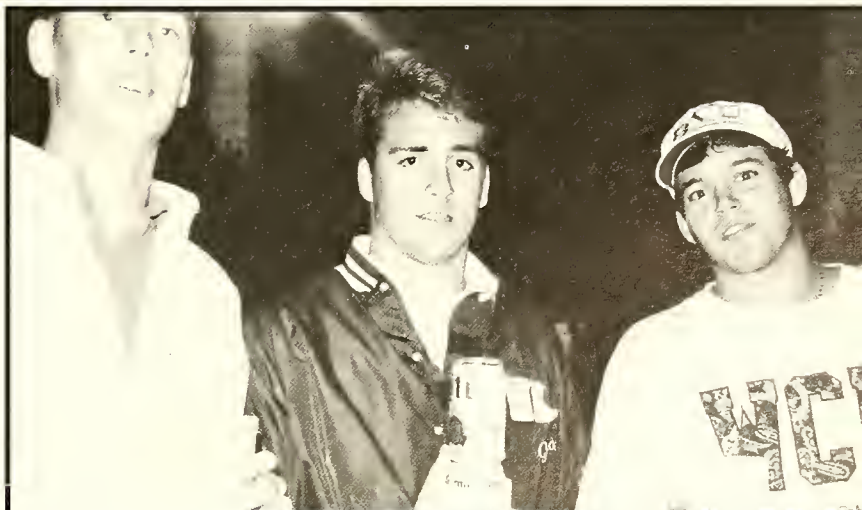
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Pike's

These three brothers pose for a picture at the party held in honor of the Sigma Chi's receiving their Charter.



The fall pledges of Pi Kappa Alpha get a bird's eye-view during the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Pi Kappa Phi

Pi Kapp's Steve Hill, Troy Laneaster, Cutt Shook and Mike Uhrie cut up behind the bar during a mixer.

Pi Kapp's



Brothers Shane Pruett, Randy Wallace and Buddy Shaver ring in the New Year on Times Square in New York City.



Pi Kappa Phi brotherhood on the steps in front of Stillwell/Hoey Auditorium.



Joe Rasado and Matt Kern spend quality time hanging out before a football game.



Cleaning up after a good mud-slinging volleyball, these Pi Lambda Phi members celebrate their first place win.



Pi Lam's

A couple of supporters congratulate brothers that participated in the IM volleyball tournament.

Perplexed over the construction of the team chariot, a brother tries to get the wheels turning during Greek Games.



The brothers of Pi Lambda Phi enjoyed a very busy year with activities ranging from Mud Volleyball to raising money for both MDA and the Bob Waters Leadership Fund.

The Omega Zeta chapter, always active in the Intramural sports program, had another fun award-winning year. Dominating water polo, the Pi Lams were All Campus Champions for the second year in a row, as well as winning the co-ed water polo event. The members also played well in the volleyball event, placing third after losing a close game in the finals. The chapter also participated in Mud Volleyball, and after entering two teams, walked away with the title.

Pi Lambda Phi held many fund-

raising events in the past year, including the famous haunted house, complete with headless horseman. The chapter also successfully completed the annual "Cats Trek", an event in which members of the fraternity run with the game ball for the WCU vs. ASU game, from one school's 50-yard line to the opponent's 50-yard line, all to raise money for the Bob Waters Leadership Fund.

Besides all of the other events the fraternity participated in, the Omega Zeta chapter found the way to squeeze in time for fun and fellowship with each other and the alumni. Annual homecoming activities included a barbecue dinner and party.

Pi Lambda Phi

Thad Shearin experiences becoming a pledge all over again as Bob Jones, the Grand Praetor, pins him during a ceremony at the National Headquarters.



Dennis Pressley and Angela Breese, the chapter sweetheart, prepare to answer questions to potential members at the IFC spring rush smoker.



The entire Sigma Chi "new pledge class", comprised of both current students and alumni, at the Constantien Memorial in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sigma Chi's



The spring beta pledge class, the second official pledge class, finds out what pledging is all about as they serenade the girls in Helder dorm.



Sigma Chi



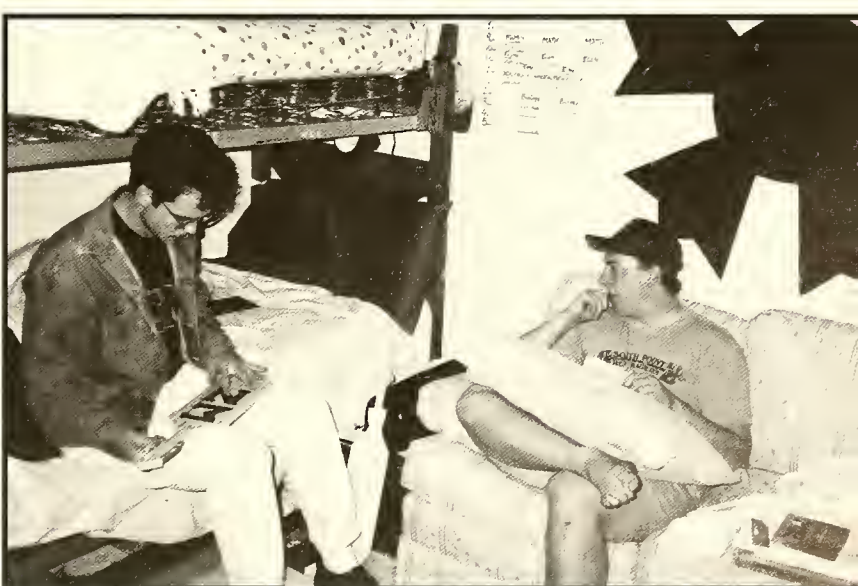
Sigma Nu

Cleat Shores bartends while Taylor Gibbs and Lee Gofourth grab their own during a mixer with Alpha Xi Delta.



Sigma Nu's

Brothers, old and new, celebrate another year of success during the annual spring brothers formal.



Chris Alm and Mike Hupfauer concentrate on the game while Gary Sapone tries to evade sweetheart Shellee Mason during spring rush.

Pledges Robert Bess and Clark Crawford discuss the trials and tribulations of getting signatures on paddles.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Phi Epsilon pulls the float they made with Phi Mu down Centennial drive during Homecoming.

Charlie Strigo, Steve Cheyney and Kevin Remsen relax during Spring Break at Steve's house.



Patrick McColgan



The brothers scream in unison to show their school spirit during Catamount Week.



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A brother of Sig Ep does the human brotherly love thing and gives blood during one of the Red Cross blood drives.



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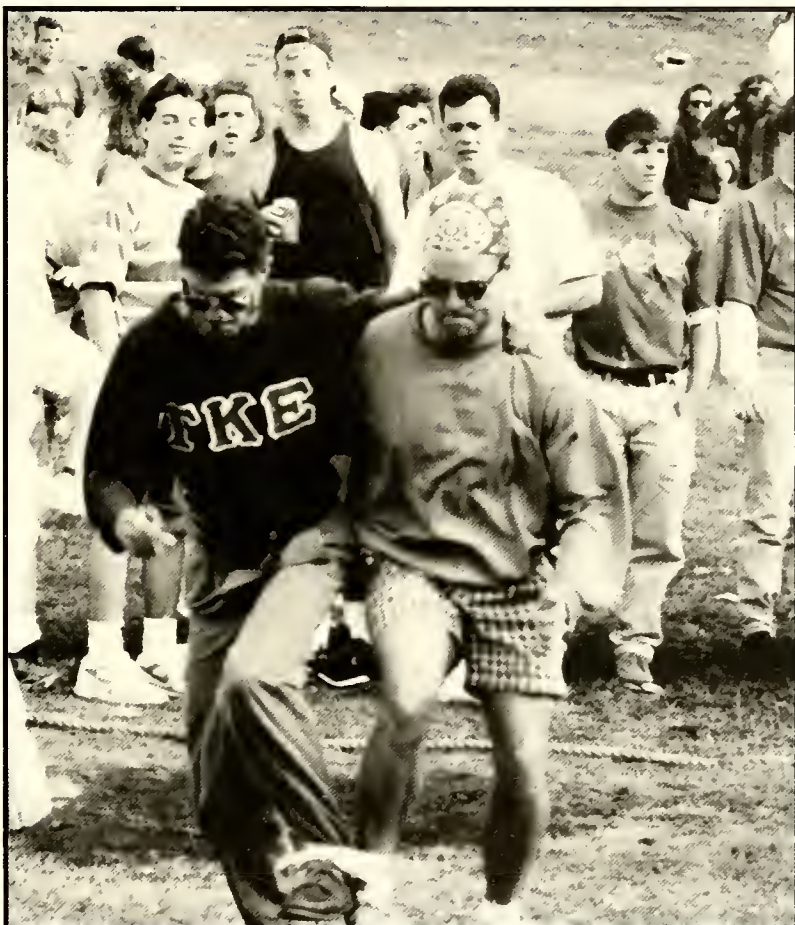
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The TKE band entertains the crowd and captures the first place win at the Greek Talent Show.



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Tailgating during the home football games was an opportunity for brothers to get to know alumni better.

These two brothers aren't worried about winning the three-legged race — they just want to have a good time doing it.

Teke's

Brothers supporting each other — that's what it's all about — even if they look silly chugging beer from a baby bottle.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Brothers and their guests welcome the alumni to lunch during homecoming. Barbecue was a popular menu item offered at the house.



Members of Kappa Phi came together in the downstairs party room for a somewhat serious chapter photo.

No serious chapter photos allowed here. Tailgating before the game allow everyone to enjoy hanging out with their best buddies.



Theta Xi

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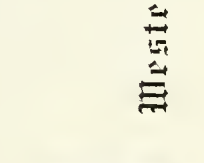
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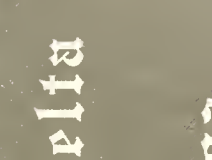
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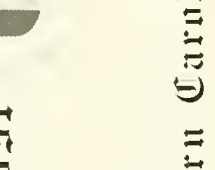
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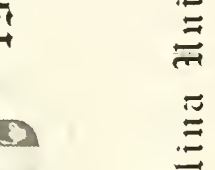
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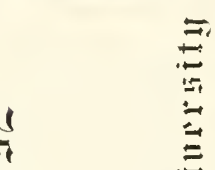
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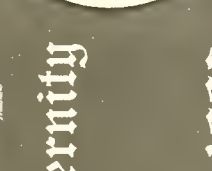
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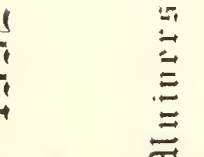
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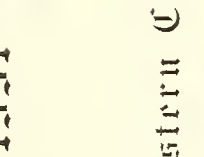
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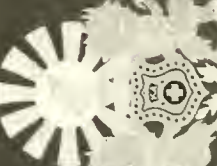
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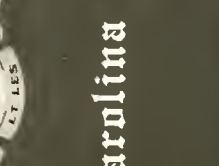
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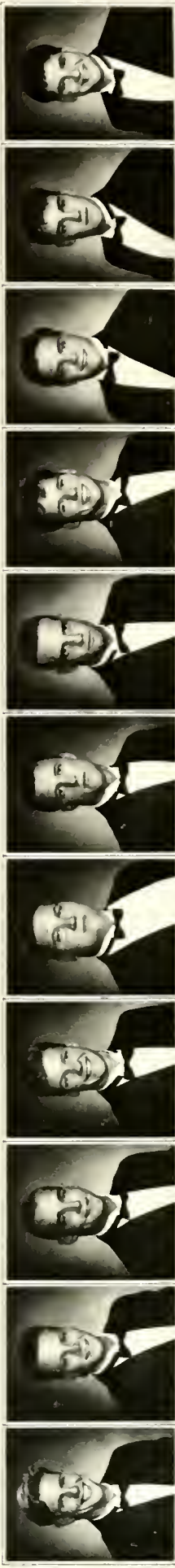
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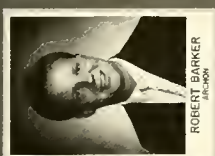
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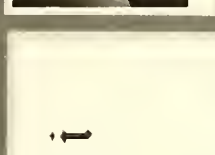
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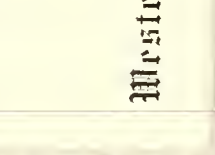
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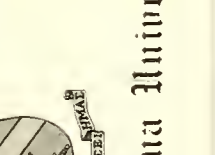
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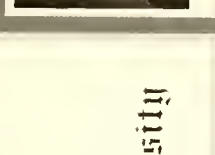
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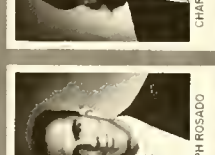
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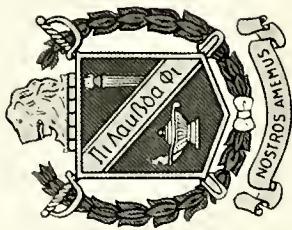
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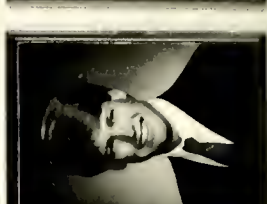
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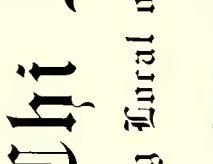
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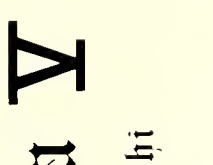
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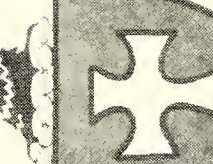
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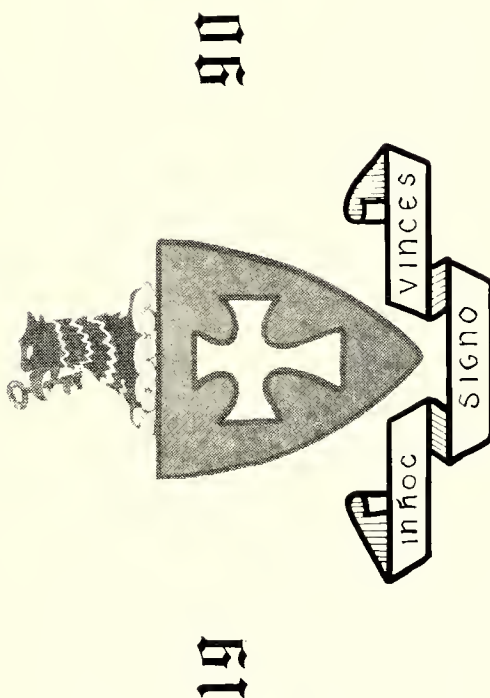
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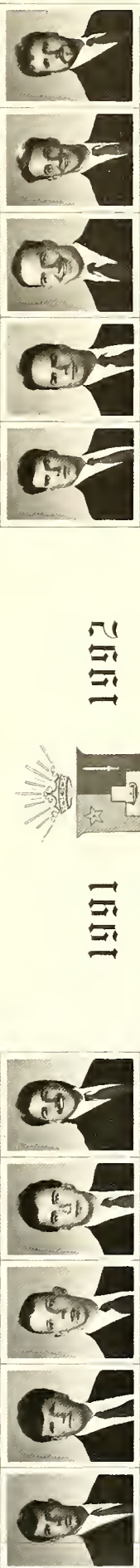
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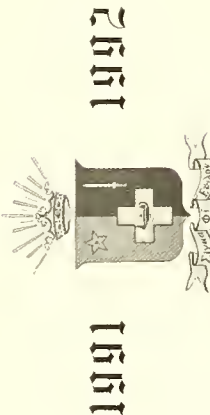
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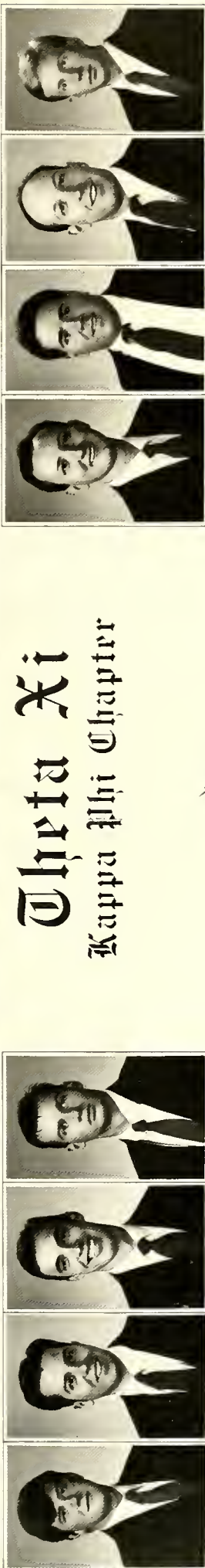
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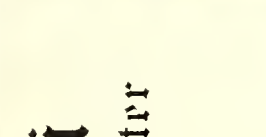
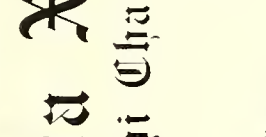
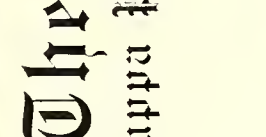


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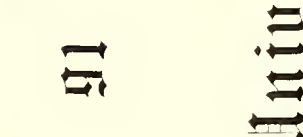
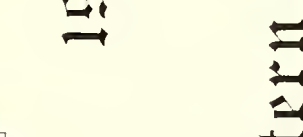


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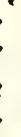
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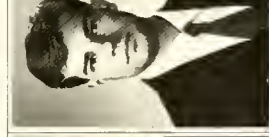
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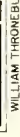
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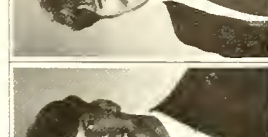
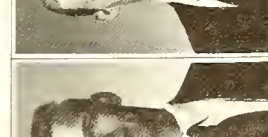
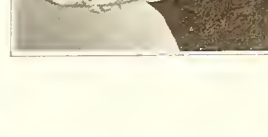
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1991

As Good As Gold

Individuals And Groups Vie For Top Greek Honors

The annual Order of Omega Awards Banquet was held on April 21, in the Ramsey Center. Sponsored by the Order of Omega, the Panhellenic Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council, it featured Jim Medlin as the speaker. Medlin, an alumnus of the university and of Lambda Chi Alpha, centered his speech around the phrase, "What do we need to do to make it work". He also compared the greek system to a machine and to the motion picture system. Medlin came to Western in 1963 as a football recruit. He graduated in 1967 and began a tour of Vietnam that lasted from 1967-72. When he returned home, he came back to Western to get his master's degree and began advising the Beta Eta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. Mr. Medlin also paid tribute to the retiring Dr. Doug Davis. Dr. Davis began his career at Western when the school had an enrollment of around 2000 and watched the campus grow into over 6000 at present. Davis' 31-year tenure at Western has netted him a great deal of responsibilities and duties including the in-state residency program, Who's Who, IFC, Mountain Heritage Day and

more.

Mike Creason, the director of the Intramural program began the awards ceremony with the awards from his department and they were as follows: Outstanding sorority participant — Cathy Crawley of Zeta Tau Alpha; Outstanding fraternity participant — John Kay of Lambda Chi Alpha; Outstanding sorority team — Phi Mu; Outstanding fraternity team — Sigma Phi Epsilon. Outstanding sorority manager — Kim Donahue of Phi Mu and Outstanding fraternity manager — Pat Abbott of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The sportswoman of the Year award went to Amy Jefferson of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Tommy Skeels, president of IFC, presented the IFC scholarship awards and they were as follows: graduating male with the highest QPR — James Marmat of Kappa Alpha; IFC rising senior with the highest QPR — (\$400 scholarship) Brett Spees of Sigma Phi Epsilon; pledge class with the highest GPA (fall 1991) — KA; fraternity with the highest GPA (fall 1991) — KA; Greek Week champion — KA.

Brooke Leatherwood, the Panhellenic president, presented the scholarship awards for the sororities and they were as follows:

pledge class with the highest GPA (fall 1991) — Alpha Chi Omega; the pledge with the highest grades (initiation fee paid by Panhellenic) — Michelle Wilson of Alpha Chi Omega; the sisters with the highest grades — Phi Mu; the sorority with the most improved grades — Alpha Xi Delta; the highest overall GPA (sisters and pledges) — Alpha Chi Omega; Greek Week champion — Phi Mu.

Bonita Jacobs, the Dean of Student Development and advisor to the Panhellenic Council, awarded the "Greek Woman of the Year" and that went to Tricia Blevins of Delta Zeta. Dr. Glenn Stillion, the Vice-Chancellor of Student Development, gave the award for the "Greek Male of the Year" which went to student body president and brother of Kappa Alpha — John Connet. Dr. Stillion also presented the awards for "Sorority of the Year" which went to Alpha Chi Omega and "Fraternity of the Year" which went to Kappa Alpha.

The banquet ended with the presentation of the 1992-93 Order of Omega members by Brian Martin, 1991-92 president of Order of Omega, and many parties by the winning greek members and organizations.

MADE THE GRADE. David Jackson, of Kappa Alpha, accepts the "Fraternity of the Year" award from Dr. Stillion.

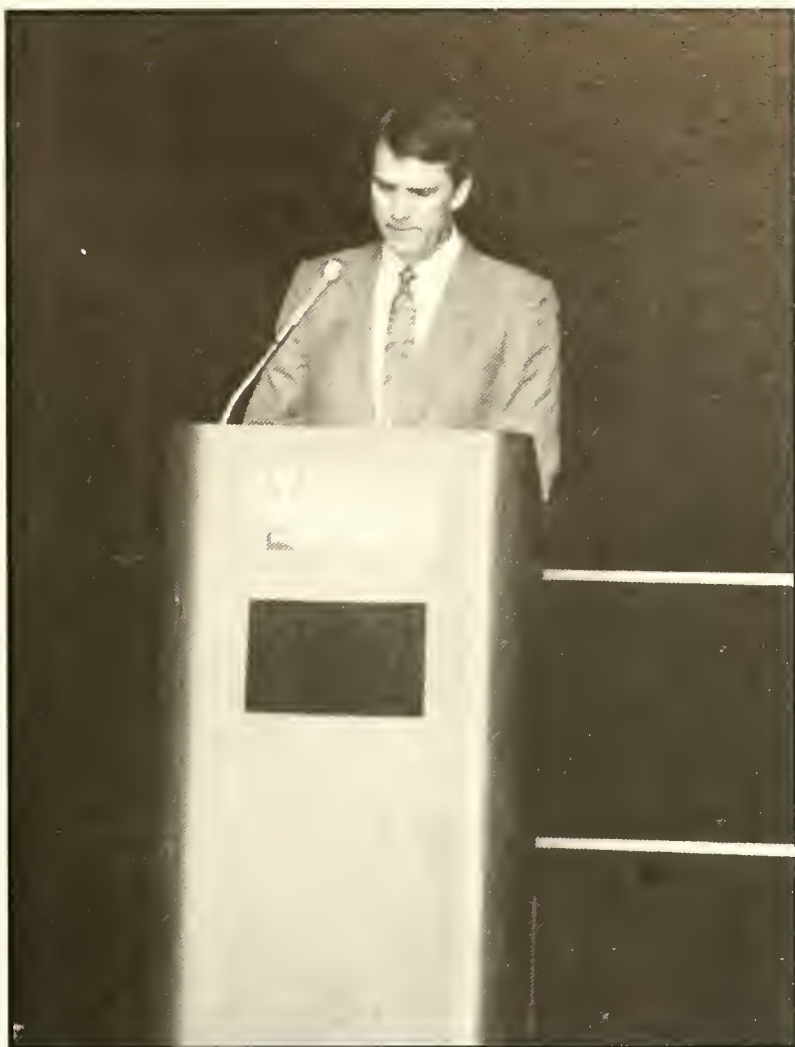
PARTY ON! Several sisters and pledges of Alpha Chi Omega celebrate after being named "Sorority of the Year".

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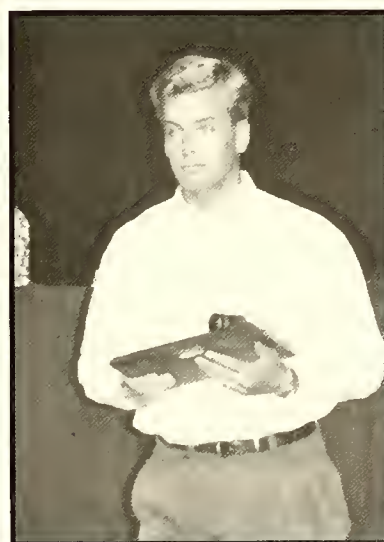




CREAM OF THE CROP. John Connet, KA, and Tricia Blevins, Delta Zeta, pose after being chosen the "Greek Male of the Year" and "Greek Woman of the Year."



SO TO SPEAK. Jim Medlin, alumnus of the university and Lambda Chi Alpha, gives the keynote address at the banquet.



TO TOP IT OFF. Matt Garrett, past president of IFC, receives a plaque and gavel in commemoration of his term in office.



Awards



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SALUTING OLD GLORY. University Band Drum Major Jackie Lippard takes time to salute the American flag during a pre-game show.

MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT DRUMMER. Members of the ROTC-Army program walk proudly down Centennial Drive during the homecoming parade.

WITH FLYING COLORS. International students from various countries display their pride in home.





The job market that existed for the 1992 graduates was lacking in prosperity. The unemployment rate was very high and it had college students working harder than ever to gain whatever edge they could over the competition. As some students discovered, a perfect way to make that resume shine, as well as prove versatility, well-roundedness and the willing desire to go that extra mile, was involvement with the university outside of class. The groups on campus not only offered a student the chance to meet and work with many people, it also gave students an opportunity to experience management, organizing, public relations, promotions and technical expertise. All of which were qualities needed to compete successfully.

The Peace and Justice Fair, held in celebration of spring and the thawing of the Cold War, included activities such as an information fair, a panel discussion on sexual harassment, dinner on the lawn, skits and performances by local bands. The emphasis on sexual harassment coincided with renewed interest in domestic issues, rather than international issues, because of the country's struggle with the problem as well as the end of the Cold War.

The International Festival, held each spring, brought many exotic and magnificent sights, sounds and smells of foreign cultures to Cullowhee. To begin the celebration, the cafeterias served Mexican, Italian and Chinese dinners. An information fair was held in the Grandroom and included speakers from organizations with international interests including the Peace Corps, Project CARE and Habitat for Humanity International.

A mock rape trial, sponsored by the Student Committee Against Acquaintance Rape (SCAAR), was presented to dramatize the problem of date rape. The trial featured students playing the roles of various courtroom participants — alleged victim and assailant, prosecuting and defense attorneys, and the judge. The fictional case also featured members of the audience as the jury.

No matter what a student's interests, politics or goals, there was a group and activity available to everyone. The rewards, while sometimes difficult to foresee, were vast and students worked hard to do their best while wondering, is all of this really going to be . . .

Worth
That
Extra-Mile?



President: John Connet



Vice-President: Cole Wildman, Asst.: Alisa Waerlop



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Senate



Gettin' Bussy

SGA officers and senators work hard for the best interest of the student body

The role the Student Government Association played in the major events and changes at the university was higher than ever. Besides handling the every-year duties of homecoming court elections, senate elections and meetings, parade responsibilities and all of the administrative duties of a student organization, there were leadership conferences to attend, debates to monitor and a great deal of research to do into resolutions.

Just a few of the resolutions discussed, worked on and passed this year included better lighting on campus, more public phones, parking solutions, vegetarian entrees in the cafeteria, 24-hour dorm visitation and the informing of students on statistics concerning professors and instructors.

Cole Wildman, the student government vice-president, was a mediator at the Academic Standards Dialogues that took place during the year and John Connet, SGA president, gave of his free time to act as the judge during a mock rape trial.

"State of the Campus," a

Jay Small

weekly article in the Western Carolinian, finally saw publication. This article was written by John Connet and Cole Wildman and served the purpose of educat-



These students exercise their right to vote during the homecoming court elections. The SGA organized four votes during the year, one for homecoming court/queen, one for senators and one during SGA officer elections.

SGA senators and other officers held a question/answer session for students concerning the food services on campus. The cafeteria, and Director of Food Services, Cecil Ward, had come under even more intense than usual complaints concerning the quality of the food at Western. Questions ranged from "Is the food service making a profit off of the students?" to a concern of overpricing on the salad bar.

During April, the yearly SGA elections to elect a new president and vice-president were held. Tommy Laughter was elected president and Shannon Elliott was voted in as vice-president. The two new leaders were sworn in at an end-of-the-year banquet which also recognized senators for their work and spotlighted Alisa Waerlop as the Outstanding Female Student of the Year and John Connet as the Outstanding Male Student of the Year.

ing and keeping the student body informed of exactly what was going on within the organization and the university community.

Cole Wildman, SGA vice-president, presents the award for "Outstanding Senator of the Year" to Nolan Davis. Senators were required to attend weekly meetings, sponsor resolutions and head committees to research the resolutions.

(top left) Candidates make good use of the alumni tower. Campaigning took place for two weeks prior to the elections. (bottom left) SGA president John Connet swears in and congratulates president-elect Tommy Laughter.



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Mark Time March

FALL IN LINE. The hard work of the Marching Catamounts is put to the test.

These words could be heard as early as the week before classes began for the fall semester. "It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to produce quality pre-game and half-time shows for the football games," stated band member Johnny Wright.

The hard work and dedication surely paid off for the Marching Catamounts. The band was under the direction of Bob Buckner, a well-known band adjudicator in the Southeast, as well as the director of the marching band at ETSU. He was not sure how this season would turn out, but feedback from the band members and the university community was overwhelmingly positive. Dance Corps captain, Janet Jonas, added, "The whole band and dance team is growing and in a few years it will be something that the whole campus will know

about."

The band not only represented the school at many university functions, but they also acted as a major recruiting tool for the university, bringing in quality musicians to the music program. Drum Major and saxophonist, Allison Druely related to this by stating, "The band program and the music department in general are on a major upswing, and I encourage anyone with musical talents to take advantage of many musical opportunities at Western."

The combined efforts of many different students to come together and create a performance for all has certainly paid off. Through hard work, individual practice and long group sessions on the field, the marching band was a success.



DANCING SISTERS. These Alpha Chi sisters enjoy being in the Dance corps.

STRIKE UP THE BAND. The band displays its enthusiastic spirit with the football fans.



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PUMP UP THE JAM. Saxophone virtuoso Karl Wingruher gives it his all for a feature solo.



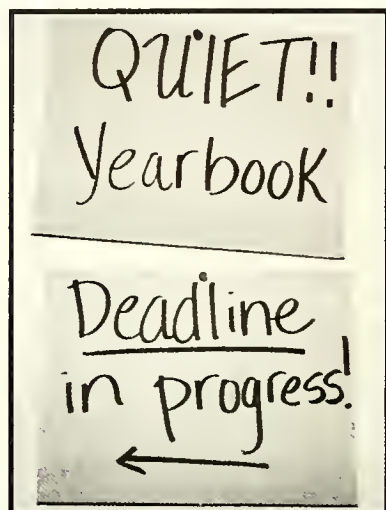
FEATURE TWIRLERS: Kim Williams and Tammy Hanner (not pict.)



DANCE CORPS: (L-R) Front row: Janet Jonas and Katherine Frawley; co-captains. Second row: Valerie Johnson, Danielle Frye, Michelle Dodick, Amy Johnson, Becky Frank. Third row: Gina Taylor, Sherry Morrison, Tara Eberly, Mandy Jessup, Terri Collins, Daren Cook, Dolly Ardrey and Wendy White.

Jay Small works diligently to prepare his class section pages for the first deadline. Jay was the official "court jester" and provided the comic relief for the entire staff at all times — including those unmentionable hours between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Some people need a little extra help in understanding that the yearbook group is at a busy point of the year and would really appreciate a little consideration.



Andrea Oakes



Andrea M. Oakes
Editor-in-Chief



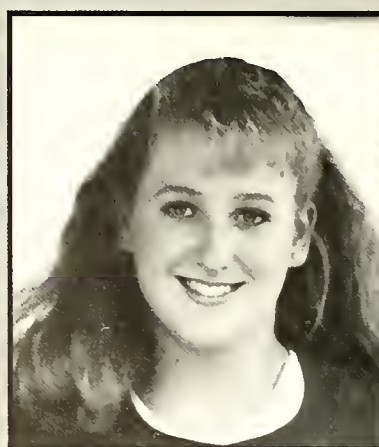
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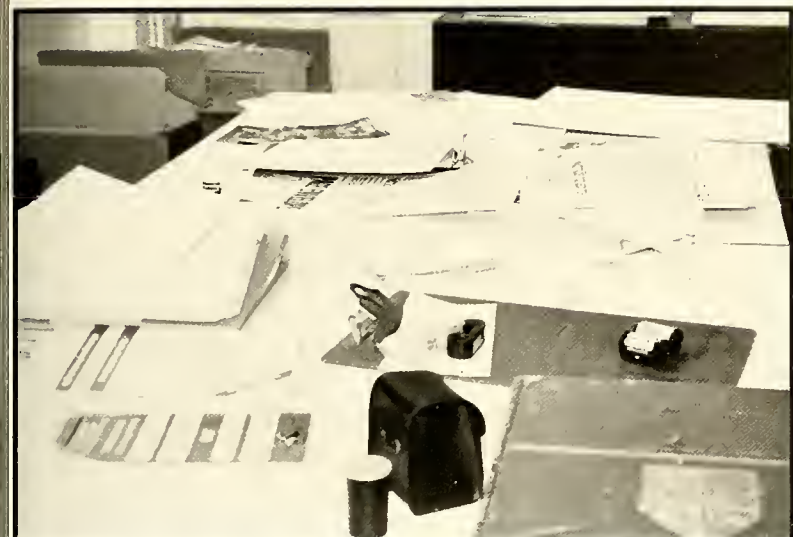
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Johnny Wright takes refuge in the warmth of the tent during the staff camping trip. The group needed the peace and relaxation to recover from the weekend work.

Few people understand the amount of work involved in putting together a yearbook. As evidenced by the amount of materials on the table, there is more to this job than meets the eye.



Mia Hatley



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It isn't all writing captions, ad sales and deadlines. Camping, workshops and field trips were part of the job and provided students with

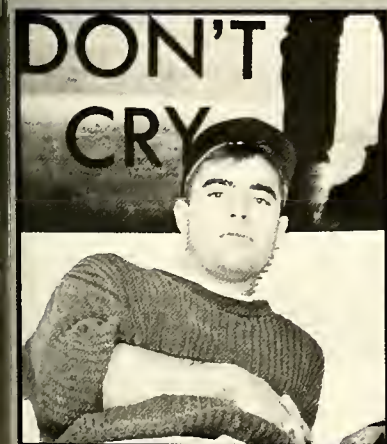
A Different Experience

One minute it was picas, tool lines and theme development. The next moment it was bears, outdoor plumbing and campfires. Following a full-day training workshop, the newly selected staff spent the rest of the weekend sleeping in very cold tents and hiking through the woods. The next day, staff members returned to campus and the reality of staff meetings, taking pictures, doing interviews and creating pages. Through the end of the first semester, the staff concentrated on class pictures, getting photos and preparing for the first deadline. As February rolled around, the staff worked around the clock, taking breaks only for food, the

bathroom, dancing to relieve stress, and arguing with people who were disturbing the group by doing things they shouldn't have been doing in that building anyway. As the pages were finally being mailed, staff members returned home to shower and go to class. Following that first deadline, the group took a field trip to the Josten's printing plant in Winston-Salem where they viewed, first-hand, the yearbook publishing process from one end to the other.

Several deadlines followed and each one was as stressful as the last, but the group always found creative ways to alleviate that stress (are you okay J.D.?) and do as much of their work as possible.

A member of the Josten's printing division puts the final touches on his part of the process at the plant in Winston-Salem. The staff enjoyed seeing how the pages were put together after they left Cullowhee.



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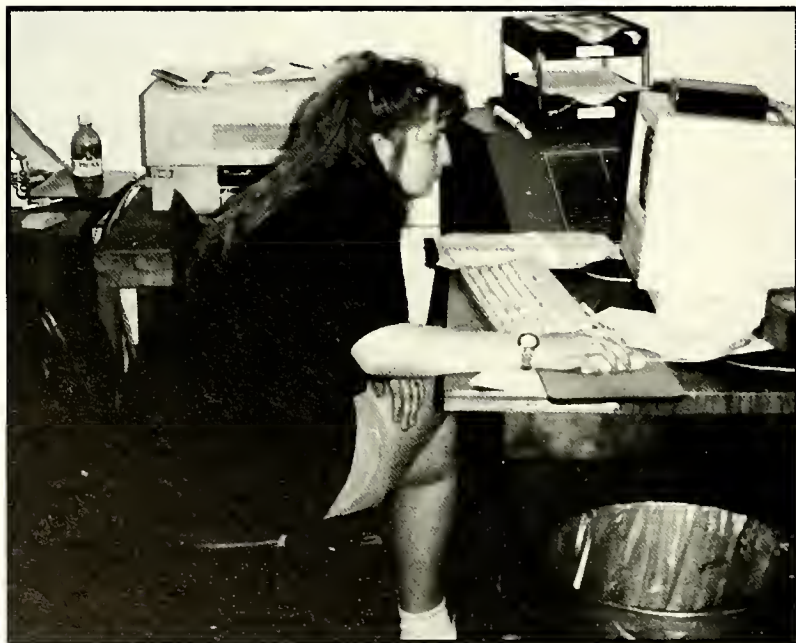


Johnny Wright
Academics



Sports editor Robbie Robertson is in amazement at the response of a fan to his weekly column "Out of Bounds." Some readers considered Robertson's sarcastic view of athletic referees the best part of the paper.

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Typesetter Julianna Budahl works at one of three computers used for typesetting the paper each week.

Editor-in-Chief John Dennis fields questions from many of his staff members as he works on the computer before an early Thursday morning deadline. Some staff members were fortunate to finish their work before 2 a.m. each Wednesday night.



In Black And White

Editor Achieves Financial Balance

Staff members of the Western Carolinian newspaper spent each Wednesday night/Thursday morning working towards the completion of the weekly paper. Published each Thursday and including departments such as news, sports, voices, features, comics, classifieds and student-on-the-street, the paper received many awards from NCIPA. John Dennis, working on his second year as editor, was able to finally bring the organization out of the red and into the black for the first

time in many years. Sports editor, Robbie Robertson, was viewed by

many as the most talented writer for his weekly column, "Out of Bounds," which criticized Southern Conference referees and WWCU sports announcers but praised the efforts of many coaches and student athletes.



Patrick McColgan

(above) Western Carolinian staff: Laura Whitmire, Melissa Richardson, Mischa Baker, Angela Gray, Christa Humphrey, Karen Vollar, Jimmy White, Dawn Cook, Stephanie Messer, Robbie Robertson, Jeff DeMoe, Hunter Pape, John Dennis and Doug Pease.

GAMMA SIGMA SIGMA

Making It Happen



Charter members work and discuss things together to make the community a better place to live.

Over a century ago, Henry David Thoreau said, "cast your vote not in paper but in action," said parliamentarian Jim Phillips. This is what a group of students decided to do, to form a service sorority colony known as Gamma Sigma Sigma, where they could let their actions be heard by the way of service projects to the community.

Founded in 1952, Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service sorority's existence is based on three ideals: Friendship, service and equality. Chapters all across the country are serving their campus communities and their nation in a variety of capacities, proving that college students are not apathetic to society's problems. The founding members of the Western colony wanted to let the community know just how true that was.

The colony was organized in October 1991 by Bonni Herndon, and a former member to bring students together who had the desire of

HISTORY

October —	Organization at Western
December —	Recognized as a colony by Nationals
January —	Acquired 6.36 miles of highway for cleanup.
February —	Conference in Birmingham
March —	"White Rose" formal
April —	End-of-Year party

improving the community through service. By December, the colony was recognized as a petitioning chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

During the spring semester, the colony was busy creating rules, completing projects and preparing to become recognized members.

Some of the service projects that the colony worked on included two sections of "Adopt-A-Highway," a "fast-a-thon" for OxFam America and a Bike-A-Thon for the March of Dimes.

The colony was not all work though. Gamma Sigs celebrated their official initiation into the colony with their first "White Rose" formal.

Happen . . .

in March. Brothers, sisters and their dates had a night out on the town with dining at Annabelle's and partying at Stingerz' in Asheville.

By the end of the semester, a lot was accomplished. At the awards ceremony in April, the members were recognized for their efforts for making Gamma Sigma Sigma happen at Western.

Founding Members

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Tricia Brown
Jennifer Carver
Cedric Cunningham
Niki Crooks
Khristina Downing
Robin Ewart
Jennifer Firth
Allison Friar
Bonni J. Herndon
Stephen Herndon
Jim Phillips
Barbara Puckett
Lisa Roppolo
Becky White
Johnny Wright

Friendship



Service



Equality

An International Celebration

Week of events includes fair, dancing and exotic cuisine

The thirteenth-annual International Festival became the International Celebration during the second week in April. The event, which brings the sights, sounds and smells of foreign countries to campus had all of this and more, including an information fair, presentations by international assistance groups and a special performance of a classical Indian dance by Hasita Oza. Prior to the main events on Saturday, the cafeterias served a different international cuisine each day. On Wednesday, April 8, it was Mexican, followed by Italian on Thursday and Chinese on Friday.

The information fair, held in the Grandroom, included speakers from various international assistance groups including the Peace Corps and Habitat for Humanity.

During the International Festival proper held in the University Center, video presentations of various countries ranging from Britain, Japan, Korea and Poland were shown and other activities included a demonstration of Japanese paper folding and Arabic calligraphy. Students donned native costumes, provided exhibits and prepared specialty foods and crafts.

A dance performance by Hasita Oza took place in the Ramsey cen-

ter following the week of events. Oza is a graduate of the Nirtya-bharati Kathak Dance Academy in Poona, India. Her classical North Indian dance incorporated expressive gestures and intricate footwork with native music and costume to recreate the lore of ancient India. Oza's performance was sponsored by the International Festival committee and the Lectures, Concerts and Exhibitions committee. Following the dance program, a drawing was held for a round-trip airline ticket to anywhere in the continental U.S. or Montreal or Toronto, Canada.



An interested spectator reluctantly tries a sample of cuisine prepared by a student from another country.



Two area middle school students enjoy a gift from a student that calls Jamaica home. Exotic food and crafts were available for sampling as well as for sale.

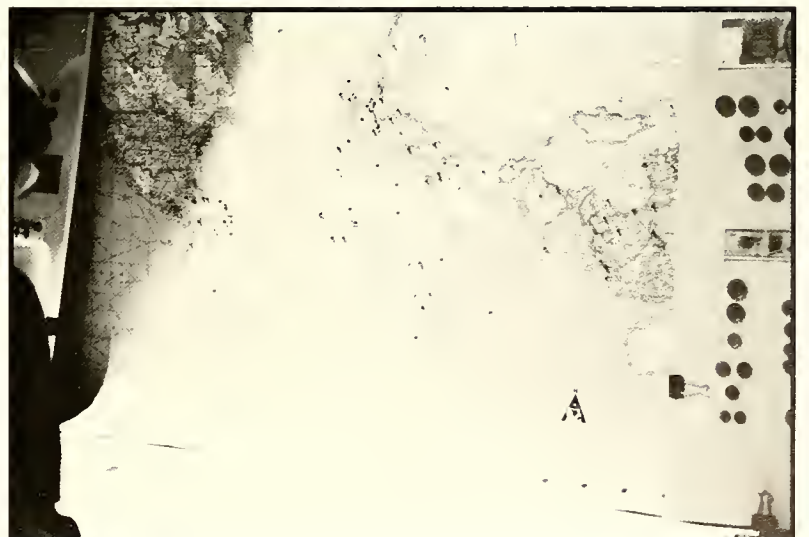


Many different countries, as well as international cultural variances, were available to visitors of the International celebration. The University Center Grandroom was packed full of students, teachers and visitors to the thirteenth-annual festival.

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Students examine the exquisite handcrafted gifts available at the information fair. Many of the items were made by students from various countries that are studying at Western.



A map of the world shows the location of either programs administered by Western Carolina or the homes of foreign exchange students visiting/studying on campus.

RECONDO



TOP GUNS

There is more to the Army ROTC program than parades and war games. Catamount battalion captures first place in Ranger head-to-head competition.



(top) Members of the ranger challenge team during the rope bridge event at Fort Jackson, SC. (above) Cadets Mike Foster and Laura Lambert enjoy the July 4th picnic at advanced camp held in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Besides guarding gates, providing the color guard and marching in parades, there were many other activities at which the Army ROTC excelled. Students saw these groups so often during games and other events, such as Mountain Heritage Day, that it was easy for the group to camouflage into the accepted routine year after year and not really be noticed. Throughout the year, anyone who paid attention to what other exercises the group was up to would be surprised. Besides visiting Civil War battle-

fields and hosting drill meets, these students were required to attend leadership labs every Tuesday where the cadets learned first aid, map-reading and various other individual skills. They learned to rappel and to shoot and employ weapons such as the M72 LAW and the M18 Claymore anti-personnel mine. The cadets were also instructed in field training exercises, land navigation skills and were taught leadership, self-discipline and responsibility.

During the weekend of October 19, the members of the depart-

ment team competed at Wofford in a Ranger head-to-head competition. In order to win, ranger teams had to score the most points possible in six weighted events including grenade throw, rope

bridges, PT test, weapon's assembly, marksmanship and a 10K road march. Western Carolina claimed first place in the competition, ahead of Furman, Wofford, and Presbyterian. SFC Waldroup, a cadet member, summed it up by saying, "We were nothing but blazing, scalding scunion. I've never seen a bunch of guys turn it on like that before."

Cadet Dan West successfully executes the 40-foot rope drop event at the ROTC advanced camp for seniors at Fort Lewis in Washington.



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WORKING HER WAY THROUGH COLLEGE. Freshman Shannon Bowman is getting ready to tackle yet another paper. Getting adjusted to all of the writing assignments in English 101 is quite an endeavor.

TIED UP. Junior Matt Garrett and a few friends enjoy time together while tailgating. For many students, as well as athletic supporters, this is a very enjoyable pre-game activity.

PUTTING TWO AND TWO TOGETHER. Freshmen Mia Hatley, Tiffany Baxley, Anne Ross and sophomore Erika Fabiano are on their way to another great party.





Vince Lombardi said, "Winning is not everything, it is the only thing." Students, whether they were freshmen, transfers or seniors, carried that idea over into their everyday life, competing in each and every way possible. A rivalry existed for the best grades, internships and club offices. With that in mind, an often-asked question on the already over-exercised faculties of students was "is it worth the effort?"

Freshmen students had a lot of things to get adjusted to. As if learning to co-habitate successfully and doing laundry without the expertise of mom wasn't enough, these students had to adjust to the college work load, schedule and party life. English 101 and 102 had more than one student grumbling and, despite all of the improvements in the past three years, cafeteria food was still a major displeasure. The "sophomore slump" was alive and well in Cullowhee as these students worked hard on finishing their General Education requirements and deciding on a major. For the juniors, academic requirements became more difficult and the expectations from professors got higher with each hour earned. Finally, senior status. It brought with it as many added pressures and responsibilities as it did privileges. Sure, seniors got early registration for the spring and first shots on classes, but that was it. If graduate school was in the plans, then applications and GRE or MCAT tests had to be tackled. If the work force was the chosen route, resumes and job interviews demanded a large percentage of a senior's limited time which was already overcrowded with tests, classes, papers and pre-graduation partying.

Despite all of the tough times and long hours of studying, students knew what they were here to do — so some did it and some didn't. And later on in life, when they reminisced back to the college days, memories of late-night pizza binges, Hardee's at 3 a.m. after a party, lunch at Top of the Stairs with friends and after-midnight talks about the purpose of life would overshadow the rigorous academic demands. In the end, everyone agreed, as they strolled across the stage at graduation, that it had all been . . .

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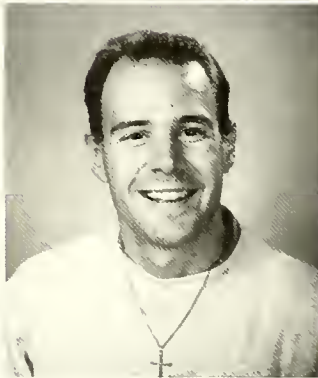
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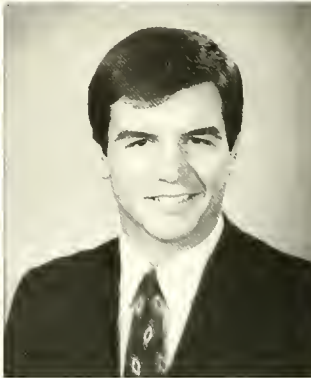


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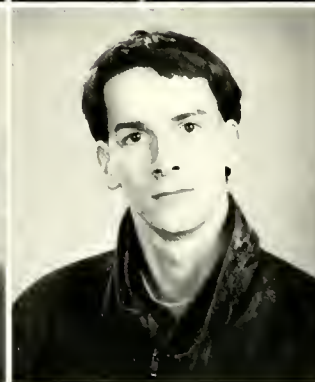
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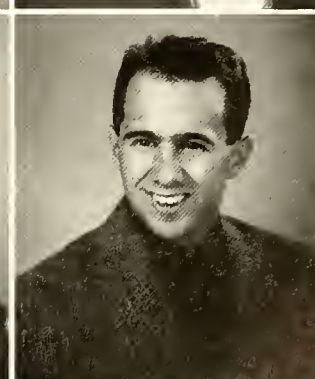
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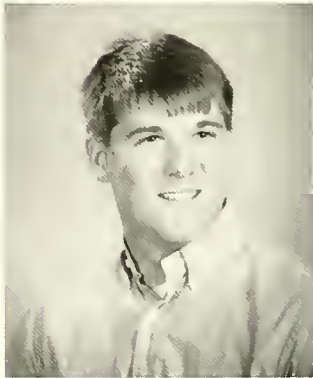
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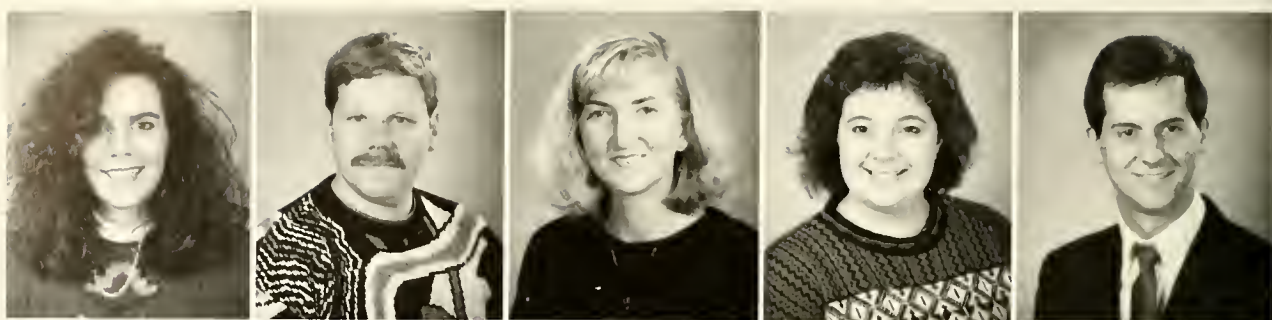


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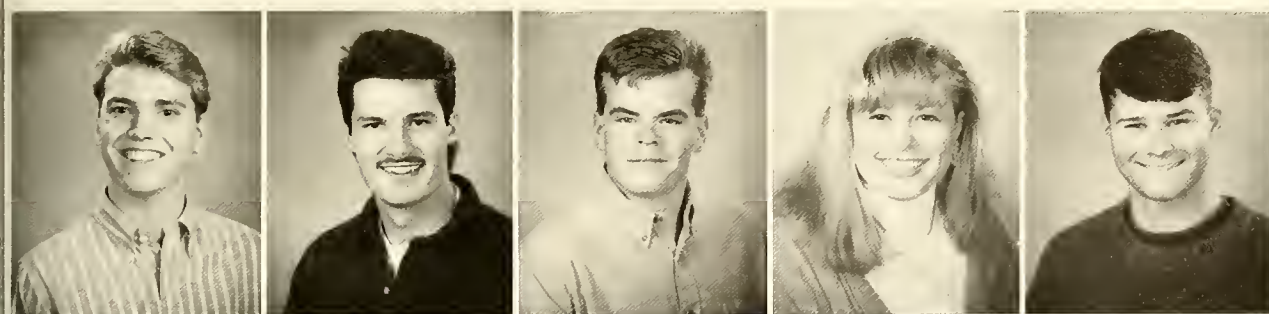
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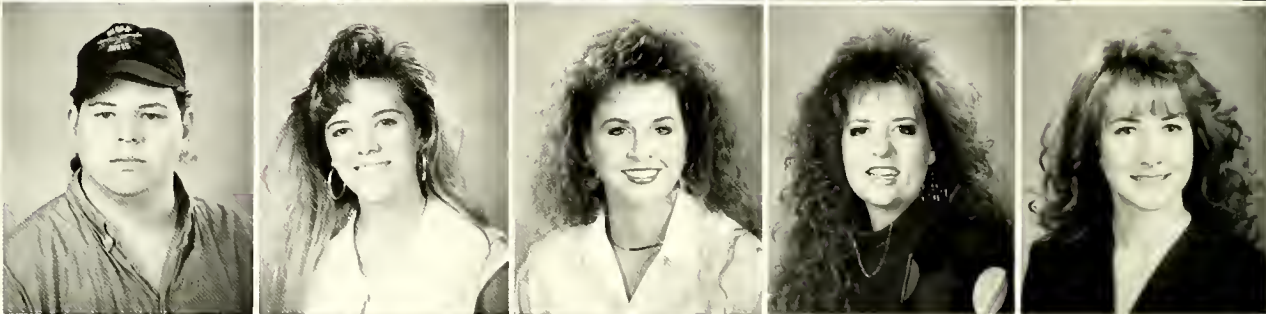
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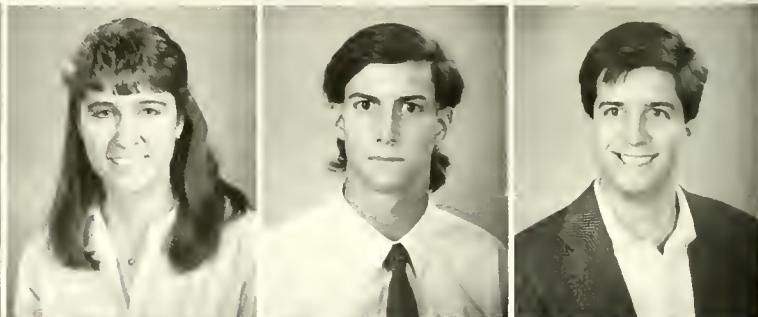
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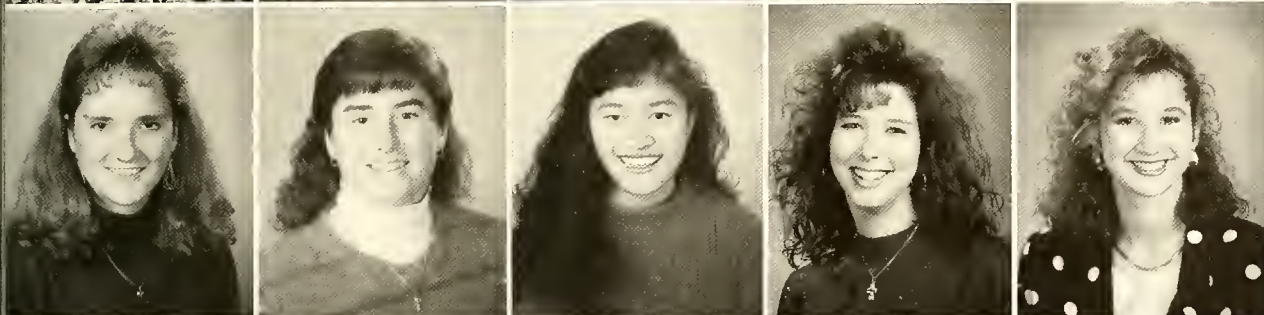


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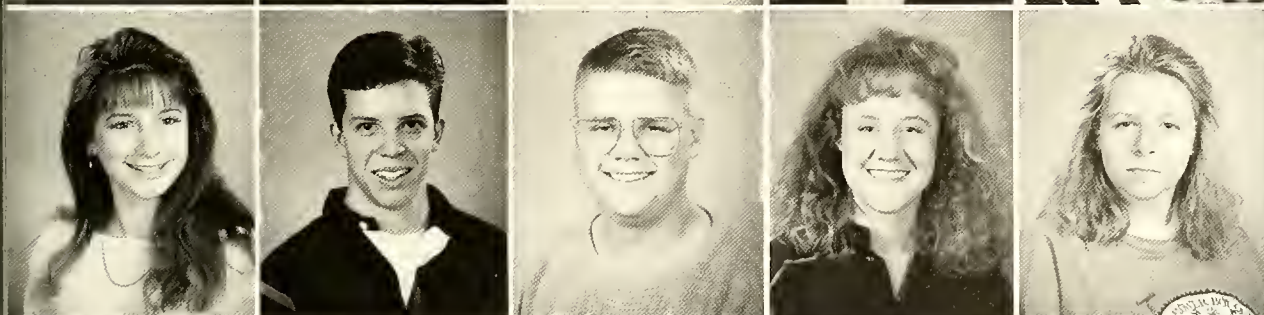
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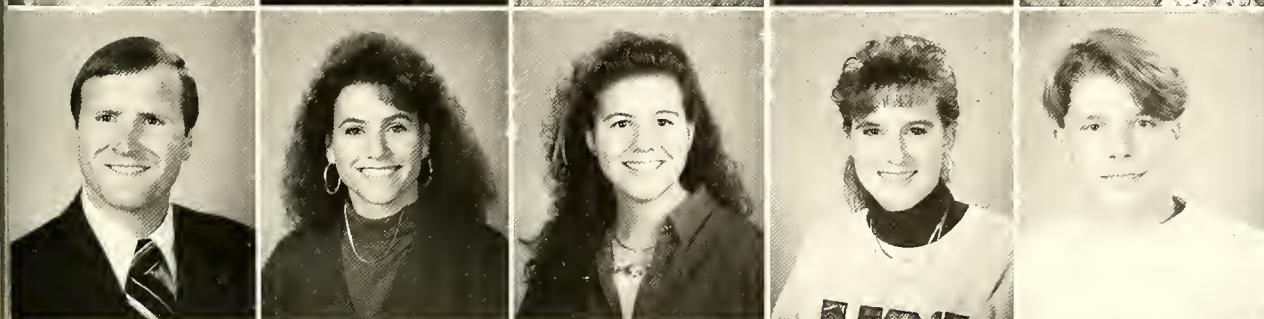
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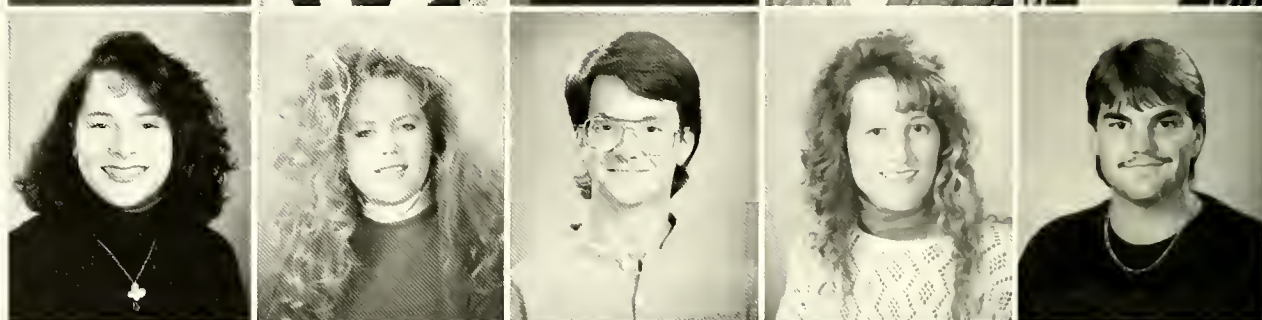
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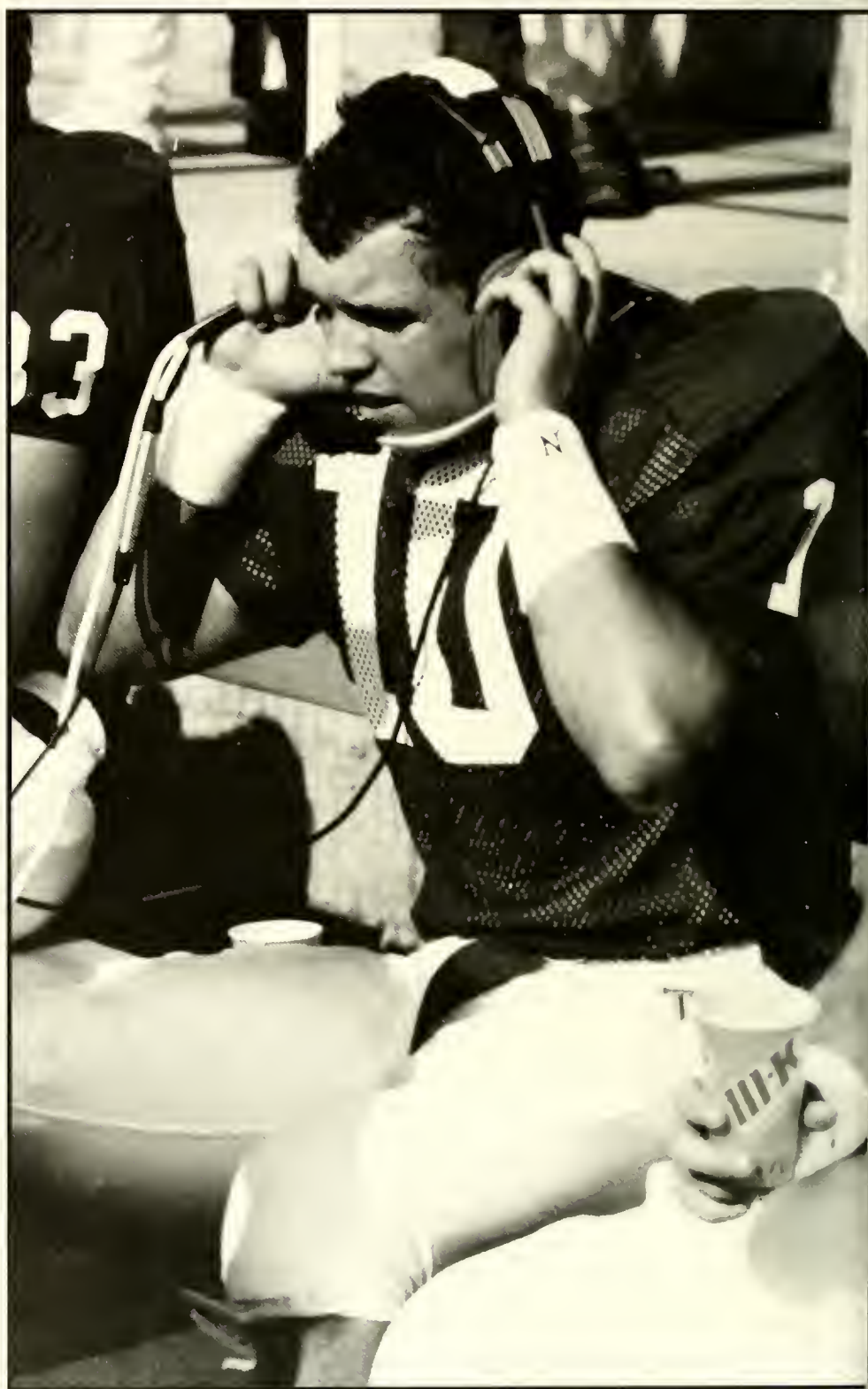
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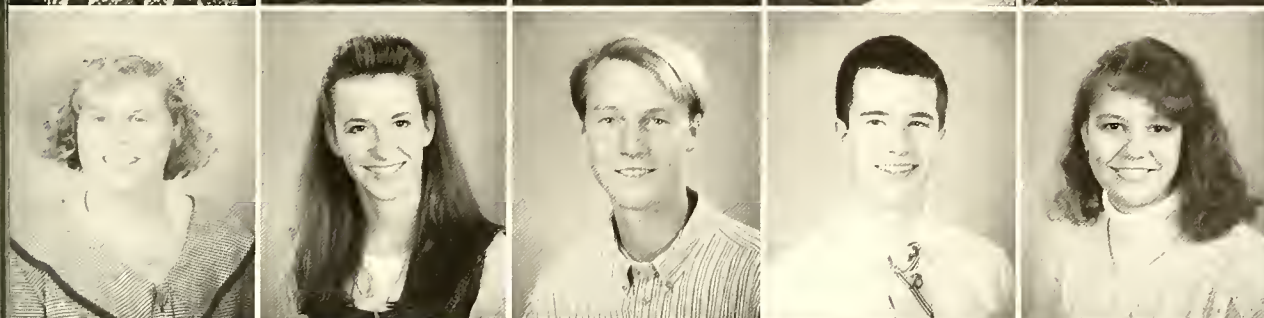
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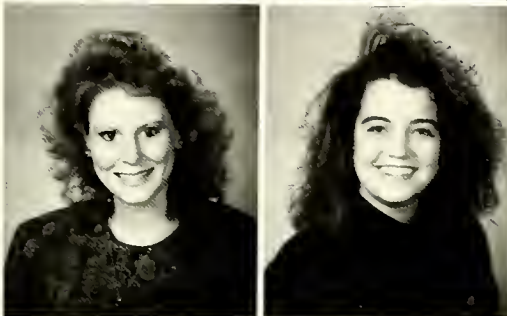
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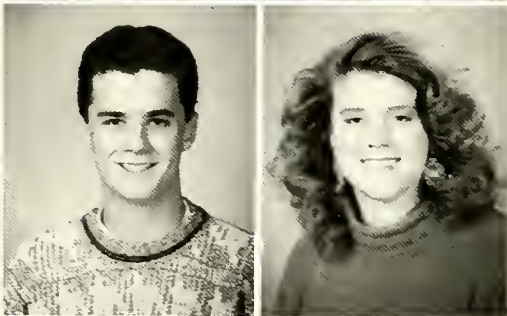
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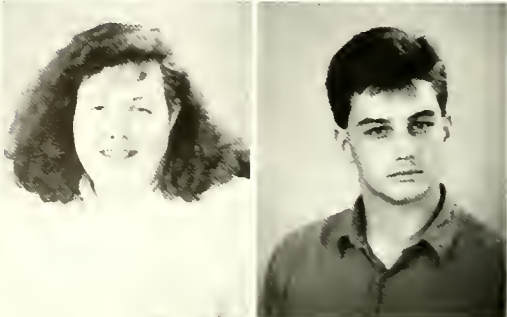
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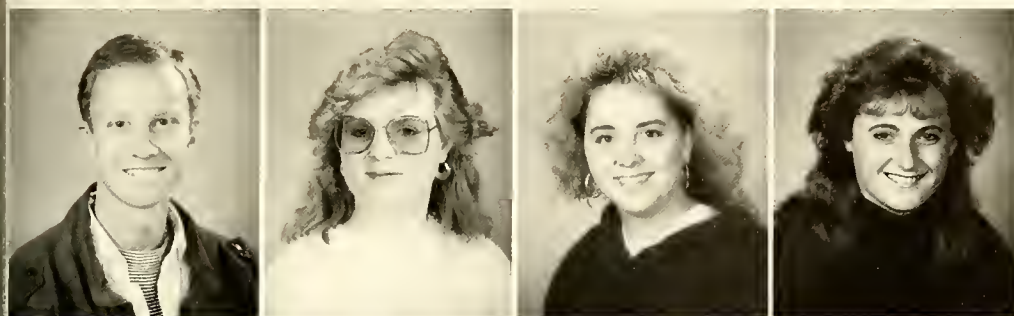
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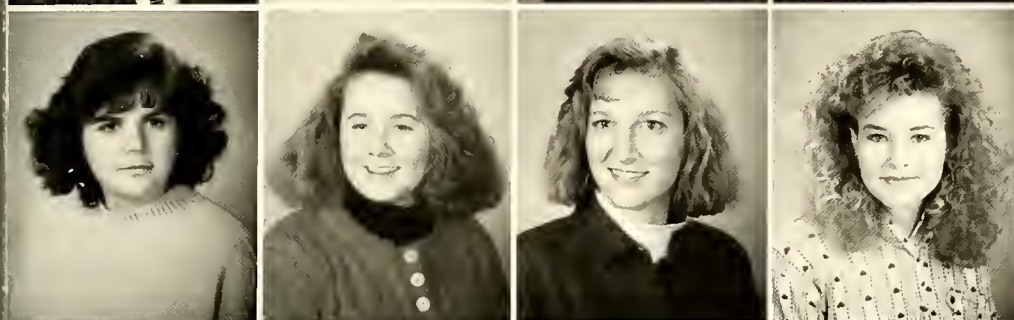
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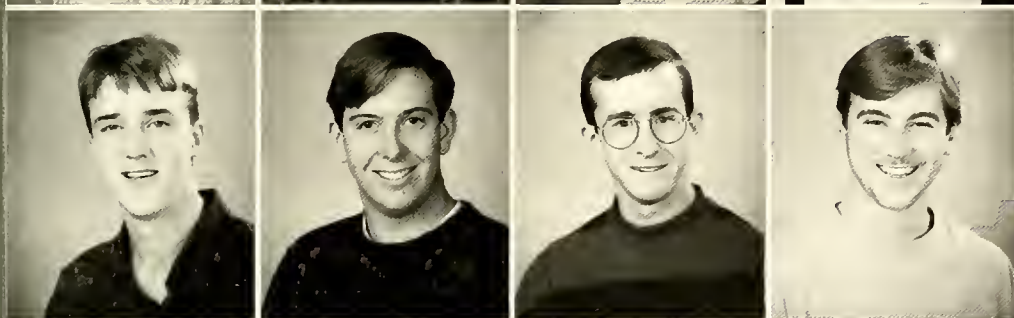
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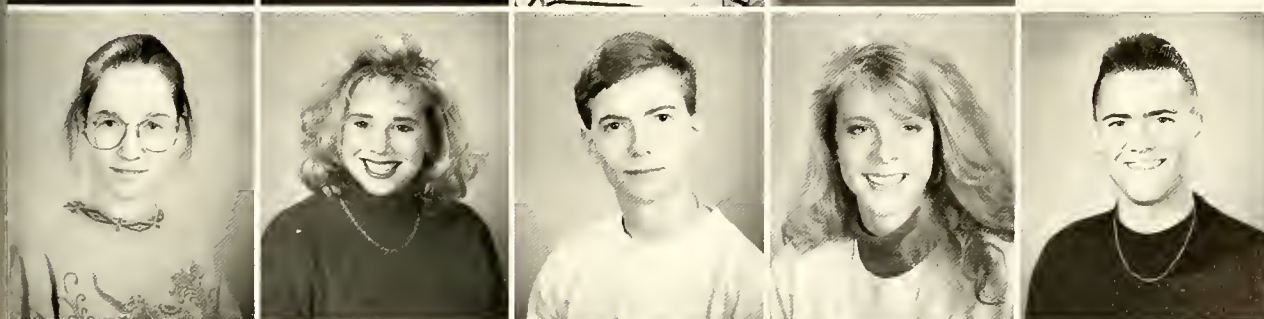
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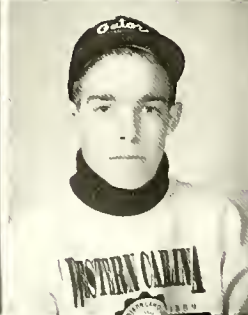
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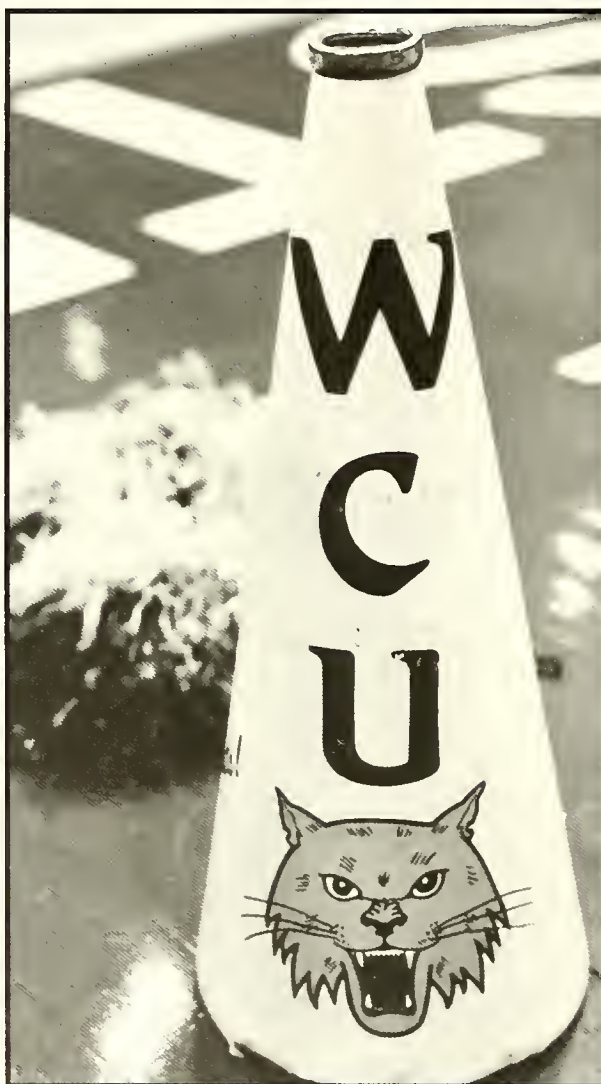
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MAIN STREET — U.S.A. Members of Z-91, the campus radio station, get ready to do a live remote from the sidelines of Catamount Week festivities in downtown Sylva.



DINNER ON THE ASPHALT. These athletic supporters/parents enjoy a pre-game picnic with their student.



"Money makes the world go 'round" and so this would be true, especially with all of the budget cuts. The university and its programs relied heavily on fund-raising and outside donations to support it through the recession.

The Catamount Club held its fifth-annual auction at the Maggie Valley Country Club and raised over twenty-five thousand dollars for athletic programs. There were items up for auction that met the needs for all tastes and budgets including beach vacations, airline tickets, jewelry, art and crafts. Auction-goers were treated to dinner and a seat at the Southern Conference basketball game between Western and Appalachian State.

Corporate support for the education of students at Western was stronger than ever during the academic year. Two students, Steven Decker and Douglas Whitehead, received a total of ten thousand dollars in scholarship money from Lifefleet Endowment, established by an Irvine, California, emergency medical transportation company. The fund existed as part of a four-point program by Lifefleet to strengthen collegiate programs in EMS and to attract qualified young people to the profession.

Alumni returning to campus would soon have a place to call their own and a focal point for their activities on the campus with the establishment of the university's first Alumni House. Built in 1940 by Dean Ernest Bird and his wife, as their private residence, the home is near the edge of campus on Central Drive. Both Bird and his wife were alumni of Western. He served as acting president of Western Carolina College from 1947 through 1949, and as president during the 1956-57 year. Western Carolina University acquired the house and property in 1976. Chancellor Coulter offered it for use by the alumni association as an alumni house in 1990. Gaye Mitchum-Helms, a Western alumna from Charlotte, was the interior designer of the project.

The university relied heavily on grants and donations, the yearbook relied heavily on advertising and each student in general depended, not only on scholarships and financial aid, but on their parents as well. Obviously, each supporter of the university felt as if the school and the students were . . .

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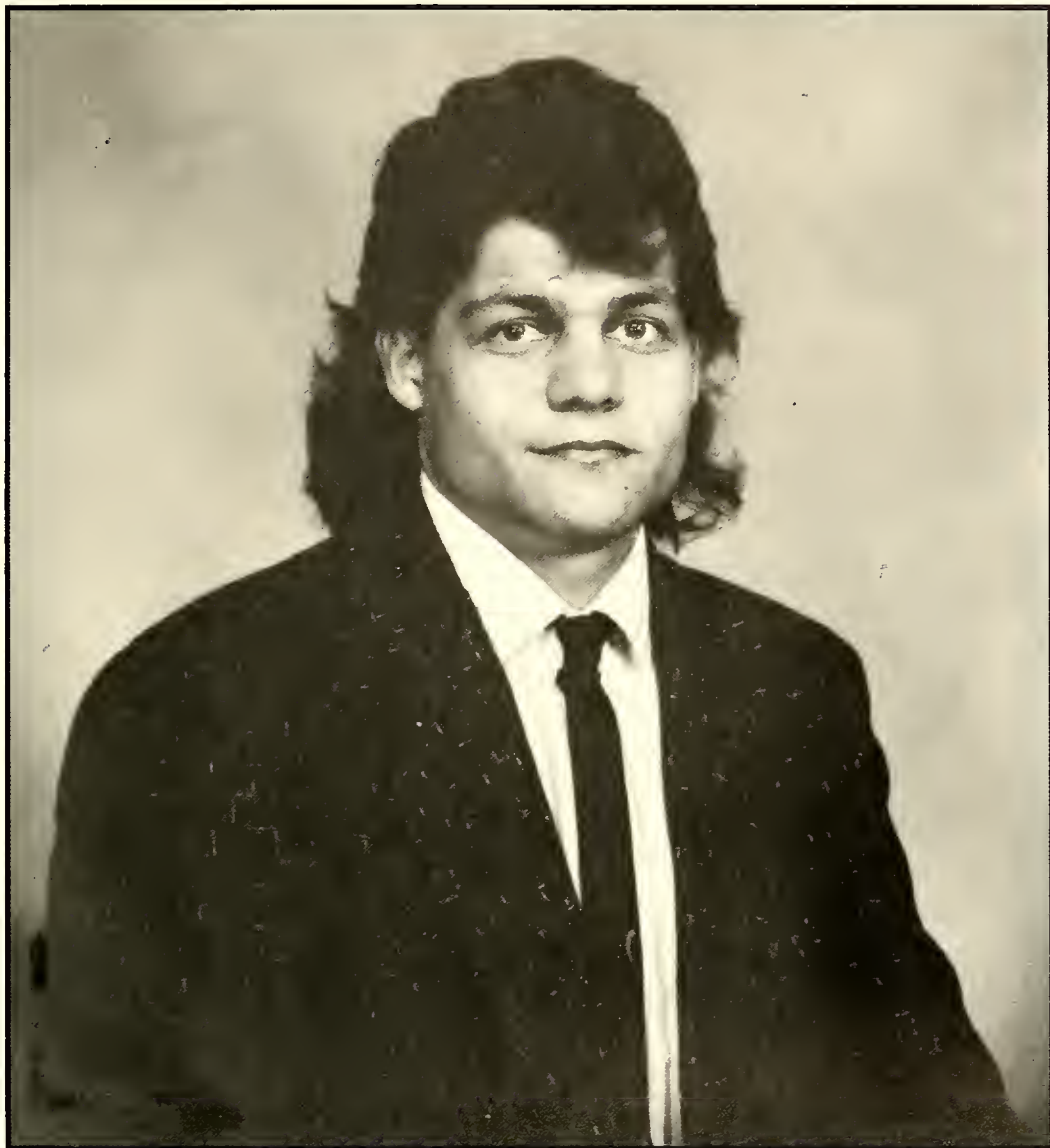


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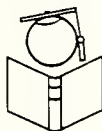
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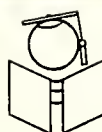
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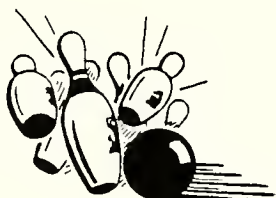
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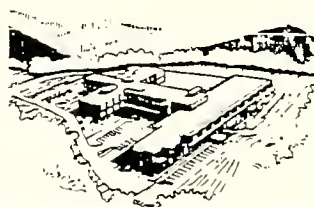
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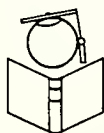
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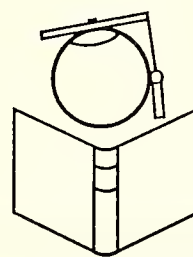


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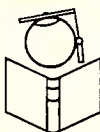
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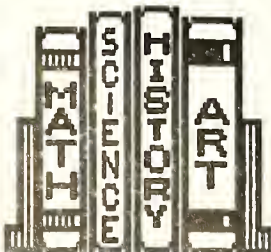
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BRUSHING UP. These small children practice their art capabilities and paint pumpkins during Mtn. Heritage Day.



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SITTING PRETTY. English professor Joe Meigs and a friend spend time in the warm spring afternoon catching up on missed work.



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THAT MAKES TWO OF US. Mike Abbey and an alumnus renew friendships during a tailgating party.



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THE CATAMOUNT . . . IN CONCERT! The mascot encourages the crowd of spectators, supporters, students and parents to express themselves at the last home football game.

A PART OF THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE. Going to football games and other athletic events with friends, airline bottles and screaming your head off. College just wouldn't be the same without these memories.



THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE. This student takes advantage of a pretty day to sit out on the lawn and work on a paper.



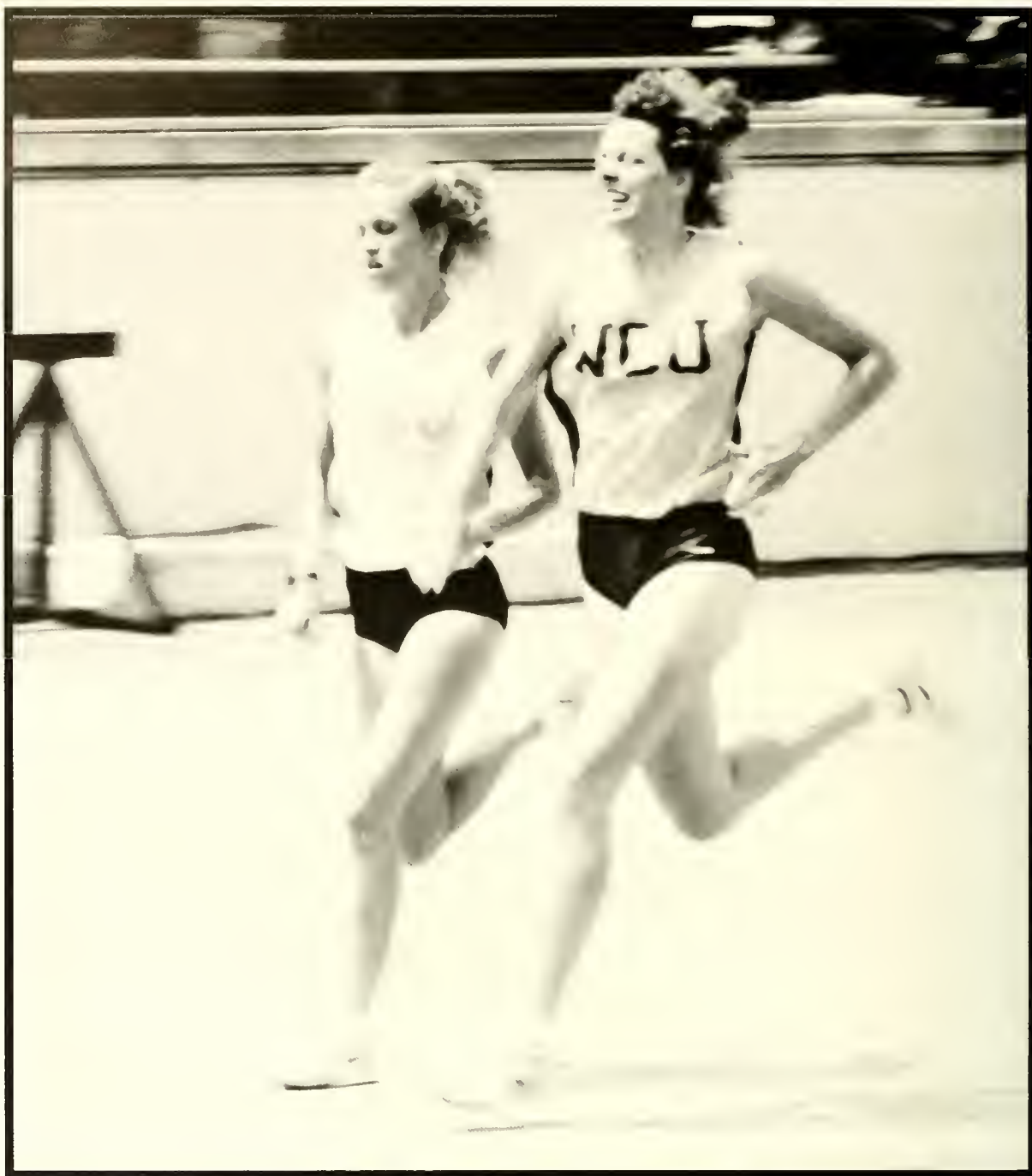
Many things that a student experiences during college require patience. It seemed as if one waited forever before the time to go to college came and then when that freshman year arrived . . . graduation four years away seemed like an eternity. But, as one would find out, anything worth accomplishing or having, was worth not only working for, but worth waiting for!

Many changes that were being made during the academic year would actually affect the upcoming year. First, the department of speech and theatre arts had a name change to better reflect the variety of courses offered. The new name, the department of communication and theatre arts, "more clearly states the university's ability to meet the needs of students who are looking at the communication field as a discipline of study," commented Lawrence Hill, head of the department. "We made this change in order to more accurately reflect the umbrella of discipline. Our new name should give prospective students a better understanding of the kinds of courses the department offers," he added.

Larry L. Travis, the associate director of athletics at the U.S. Naval Academy, was named the new director of athletics on April 2. Selected from a field of more than 120 applicants, Travis was scheduled to begin work around May 15 to familiarize himself with the program before Athletic Director Bobby Setzer retired on June 30. Upon appointment, Travis commented on the post by saying that the reason he accepted was the "quality of leadership provided by the Chancellor, the commitment of the university and staff to the program, and because it is a tremendous opportunity to come into a program that's on the verge of really moving forward in the Southern Conference, a league for which I have the highest respect."

So, with the spring finals, graduation and the end of the academic year, there also came many positive changes within the university that would drastically affect the upcoming year. But again, reward comes with hard work, dedication, perseverance and, above all, patience. After graduation, those 957 alumni would then see and understand that the end results of that patience and the benefits that accompanied them, were really . . .

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TAKING IT ALL IN STRIDE. A Western track team member contends with a rival Appalachian runner at the Boone Invitational.

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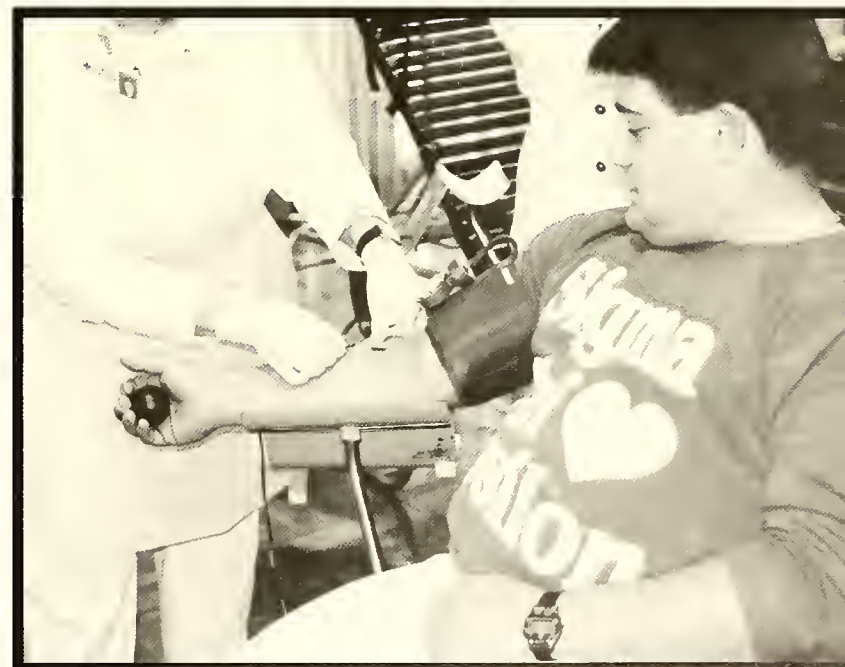
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SINK OR SWIM. This student gets a lot of laughs posing as a member of the "Fallopian Swim Team" during Halloween.



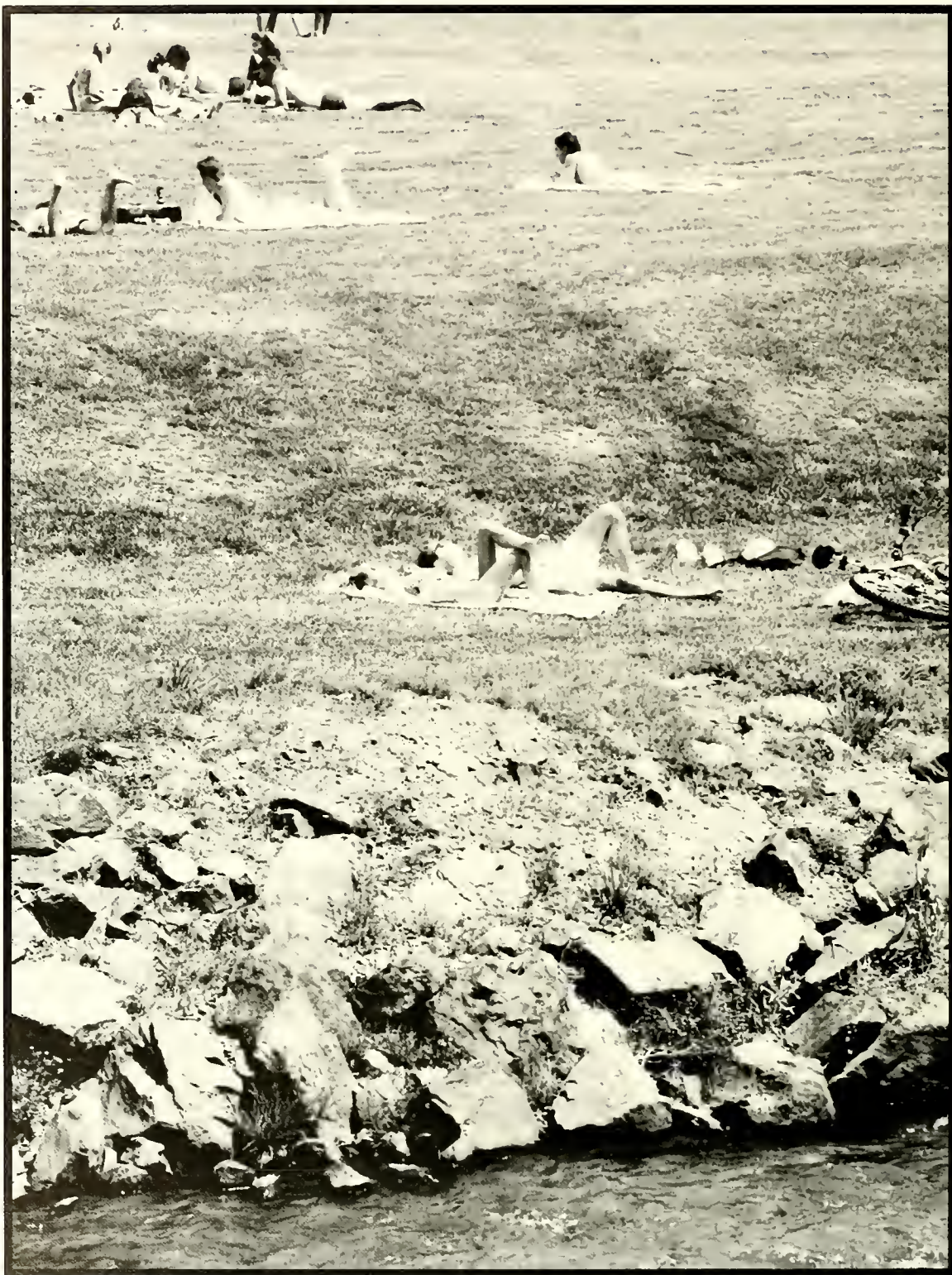
BLOWING THEIR OWN HORN. For the Catamounts of course. The university band entertains the fans and supports the team during a football game.

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DRAW BLOOD. A brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon does his good deed of the day and gives someone another chance during the annual Red Cross bloodmobile.

SPEAKING UP FOR SUPPORT. Chancellor Myron Coulter gives one of his many speeches to the student body, supporters and community members.



Johnny Wright

STILL WATERS RUN DEEP. These students take a break from classes and studying to bake in the hot sun and enjoy just being a college student.



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GOING ALONG FOR THE RIDE. The Catamount hitches a ride to downtown Sylva on the rear of an unsuspecting student's car.



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BONDING LIKE GLUE. These Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers, Joe Cleary and Donald Williams, cheer the Cats on together.

PUTTING ON THE SQUEEZE. Two friends enjoy reminiscing about the past spent partying and tailgating.



STICKING TOGETHER. These two guys get together with Susie Williams at the Homecoming game.

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SACK OUT. Tony Kee and several friends strain their hardest to heat each other to the finish line.



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OUT OF THE HOLE. A Western golfer chips the ball towards a par score.

ON TARGET. Defensive player Frank Thompson, a junior from Charlotte, goes for a tackle on a Samford player.



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The Last Word . . .

I could begin this last note that I'll ever write as Editor-in-Chief at Western on a negative note. If all the laundry was aired, it would take all of the pages in this book to explain it all. But, since I feel that exposing it isn't really going to change the situation, I'll try to concentrate on positive memories and positive aspects of the program. For every unpleasant person I had to deal with, I had two positive, wonderful people who believed in me and backed me one hundred percent.

The first day that I walked into the yearbook office, I found a dirty room with no supplies, not even a typewriter that worked. The book itself was very unorganized in terms of content. During my freshman year, as a writer on the staff, I sat and watched as the Hunter representative was basically forced to finish the book. I'm proud to say that my rep. never had to actually design pages. I also brought this program \$7500 in advertising revenue, a new senior ad section, an increase of over 100% in the numbers of student mug shots, and a more respectable, in terms of quality, program. I am pleased with the results of all of my hours of hard work. Sure, I still had problems getting the book in on time, I wasn't the greatest financial planner either. I did not accomplish everything I really wanted to. But, I never claimed to be a miracle worker. You can only do the best you can with what you are given (which wasn't much). But, all the same, definite progress was made. And that's all that matters.

Now, to all of the people that helped me and this "baby" of mine make it as far as we did, I owe a great deal of thanks. To the staff members on my '92 book — Hizuru: thank you for your work on the class section, you did a beautiful job!; Ericka: thanks for everything including all of the Raleigh plans we made — you made me laugh hysterically at a time when I really needed it; Patrick: thank you for being there to listen. I know I was difficult to understand at times. You meant a lot to me — I hope you have the best of everything in the future, you deserve it. I appreciate all of your hard work — stay with it, you took some really great stuff!; JoAnn: in the beginning, you were just a representative but through the last three years you've become more. I know you probably got tired of hearing me cry, scream and complain on the phone until all hours of the night. You were a great listener. I won't forget it. Oh, yeah. Try to keep your husband under control next time you are in a Baskin-Robbins. Because of him, I could have choked on my ice cream and then what would I have?? Another hospital bill to pay.; To Larry Kraus and Susan Korman: Thank you for caring not only about the book, but how I, as a person — not an editor, was doing. As long as I live, I'll send business your way.; Johnny: you know I had my doubts in the beginning, but you really came through. I'm sorry that I was so busy that I didn't pay more attention and

keep a more open mind. It's a decision that I will regret for a long time. Things will work out for you though — I have faith in real people.; To a very special member of my '91 staff — Shawn: you may never see this, but I have to say it anyway. You were the life of that book. You were so much an anxious and willing part of it, I'll never forget you or your enthusiasm. Please always remember that you are incredibly special, there aren't very many people like you in the world — I hope our paths cross again someday.

Some of my friends not directly involved with the book were involved to the extent that they kept me going and since without me, the book wouldn't appear as is in front of you, they deserve a big thanks. Amanda: my downstairs/walking buddy. You are absolutely awesome and I know I'll never forget you, because I intend to see you at your wedding, baby showers, kid's graduation, retirement party — on and on. You are my friend for life, like it or not! Thank you for being there crying, watching TV, sleeping, eating junk food, firing people with me during that difficult period. You can always tell who your true friends are in the end.; To my little sister Alisa: you changed my life! I have never held so much respect and admiration for anybody — until you. You mean more to me than I can adequately express in writing. To Jill and Cole: J. — "You are sooo skinny!" You did wonders for my self-confidence. Can you live with me for the rest of my life?? I'll pay you! C. — you are just too wonderful for words! To my Alpha Chi's just mentioned, I love you all too much! Here's to a lifetime of friendship and a shared bond. That, my ladies, is what sisterhood is all about.

My Hot 'lanta boy: Gosh, you believe in me so much — it's scary! But, I love you to death for it. Thanks for helping to pull me through the last year. That Orlando trip way back in '89 happened for a reason. I hope someone realizes how lucky they are. If not, call me. I'll tell you again and again how great you are. Please, let's not lose touch, no matter what happens. P.S. — Every time I walk in a zoo, I



think of you. Oh, that was so much fun!! Hey, when you turn thirty — you can have your own just like Michael Jackson. Then, you'll have two things in common. But the way, don't you think we owe Brent a thank you for starting all of this over three years ago? Thanks, Brent! We owe you one.

To my jailbird: You have done more for me than probably anyone, including you or myself, could ever realize. All I can say is thank you! You mean the world to me. I'll call you about 1 a.m.

To my "mom away from home" — yes, Geri don't you feel privileged to be so close to the Queen? Just kidding! What in the world can I say to you?? I'll try my best, but I think you already know. You're one smart lady. Think I could get into that school of yours? You know, the school of hard knocks? I hear it's a toughie! There were countless times when I didn't think I could make it to the next day. And what got me going was you — a pretty amazing feat when you consider that you were 250 miles away. You have seen me at my best (well, almost) and at my worst and it's all the same to you — you love me unconditionally. Anybody who has someone like you in their life had better count their blessings. Believe me, I do!

I never realized how important an extended family could be, until I met these guys. To MY "Miss Teenage America," Cynthia, Gene, Dee-Dah (Agnes too. Oh, yeah. Blackie, Ginger and Charlie): It's incredible how time has flown by since the day Michelle and Denise stood on that stage together and therein, brought two families together. We all came out winners on that hot July evening. I thank God all of the time that you are such a part of my life — a very precious part that will always remain. How I got so lucky or what I did to deserve you I'll never know. But, I don't care, you're there and that's all that counts.

The last thank you I would like to address is to my immediate family. Without my parents, I wouldn't be here and I wouldn't be going in the direction that I am without them and all of the things that they have instilled in me — a

good, solid ground of moral beliefs and the desire deep inside to be more than a spectator in life. If for only that gift, I owe them a great debt (Dad — as long as I owe you, you'll never be broke and oh, yeah there are four pints in a quart. Mom — I swear we will finish that wallpapering if I have to live with you until after I am married to get it done — just kidding Dad). To my two sisters and brother — Well, what can I say? I'm the oldest, and you're not. Which is probably what primed me for this job. I liked being the boss too much. Really, I love you guys. Even if I am mean and make you clean house. Remember, it's for your own good.

Wow! The last few words in an ordeal that was originally intended to be a one year thing. One quickly turned into three. I'm not going to know how to act without yearbook pages hanging over my head. It took seven pages of writing to thank everyone — hope I haven't left out anybody. Pretty sure I haven't. There is one message that really applies to everyone on these two pages. In closing, I would like to, once again, express my sincere gratitude to those people mentioned mainly for just giving a damn! Because there are, believe me I encountered them many times, people who just don't.

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